

Charles gives thanks

● King says he is 'deeply touched' by public support ● Elizabeth II will be laid to rest at Windsor today

Valentine Low

As the nation and the royal family prepared to bid their last farewells to the Queen, the sovereign who reigned for longer than most people can remember, the King said he had been "deeply touched" by the messages of condolence he had received.

In a message of thanks after the national minute's silence last night, King Charles said: "Over the last ten days, my wife and I have been so deeply touched by the many messages of condolence and support we have received from this country and across the world."

"In London, Edinburgh, Hillsborough and Cardiff, we were moved beyond measure by everyone who took the trouble to come and pay their respects to the lifelong service of my dear mother, the late Queen."

"As we all prepare to say our last farewell, I wanted simply to take this opportunity to say thank you to all those countless people who have been such a support and comfort to my family and myself in this time of grief."

Liz Truss led the country in observing the moment of remembrance out-

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side the door of 10 Downing Street with her husband, Hugh O'Leary.

On London Bridge, during the minute's silence, a small crowd of people in the queue to see the Queen's lying in state stopped and bowed their heads. In Falkirk 96 lanterns — one for each year of the Queen's life — were lowered down to float in a pool at the foot of the Queen Elizabeth II Canal.

Minutes after the silence, the Archbishop of Canterbury broadcast his meditation for the Queen on BBC Radio 4, saying that she had "embodied something not simply of our nation, but of our humanity".

Earlier the King and Queen Consort had hosted world leaders and other official guests at Buckingham Palace in one of the largest receptions of its kind. Camilla delivered a televised tribute to the Queen, saying: "It must have been so difficult for her being a solitary woman, and there weren't women prime ministers or women presidents — she was the only one, so I think she carved her own role."

Before the reception, the Princess of Wales had met Olena Zelenska, wife of President Zelensky of Ukraine.

President Biden of the US visited Westminster Hall with his wife, Jill, to pay his respects. At Lancaster House he said the Queen reminded him of his own mother. "She had that look like, 'Are you OK? Anything I can do for you?' What do you need?" And also, "Make sure you do what you're supposed to do."

Jacinda Ardern, the prime minister of



The King received Liz Truss in the 1844 Room at Buckingham Palace yesterday. The prime minister later stood outside No 10 to lead the nation in a minute's silence

New Zealand, Michael D Higgins, the president of Ireland, Ursula von der Leyen, president of the European Commission, and Andrzej Duda, president of Poland, were also among those who came to pay their respects. President Macron of France and his wife, Brigitte, arrived in Westminster Hall on foot.

The Duke of York hailed his mother's "knowledge and wisdom infinite", adding: "I will miss your insights, advice and humour."

More than two million people will descend on the capital today and Transport for London has said it is

braced for its "biggest ever challenge". At least 250 extra trains have been laid on, and many central London stations are open for 24 hours today. Mourners hoping to see the procession have camped on The Mall and outside Westminster Abbey over the weekend.

The funeral will be shown on public screens and in cinemas around the country and is expected to be watched by a worldwide television audience of more than four billion.

About 10,000 police officers will be on duty today in London and Windsor, the biggest security operation in British

history. The Metropolitan Police are on alert for terrorism, crowd crushes and protests. There will be marksmen on rooftops, uniformed and plain-clothes officers in the crowds, the biggest close-protection security operation ever, and barriers to stop vehicles being driven into crowds. More than 10,000 military personnel will also be on duty.

The lying in state at Westminster Hall was due to end at 6.30am today. For the state funeral service, which will begin at 11am, the Queen's great-grandchildren, Prince George and Princess Charlotte, will join the King and other

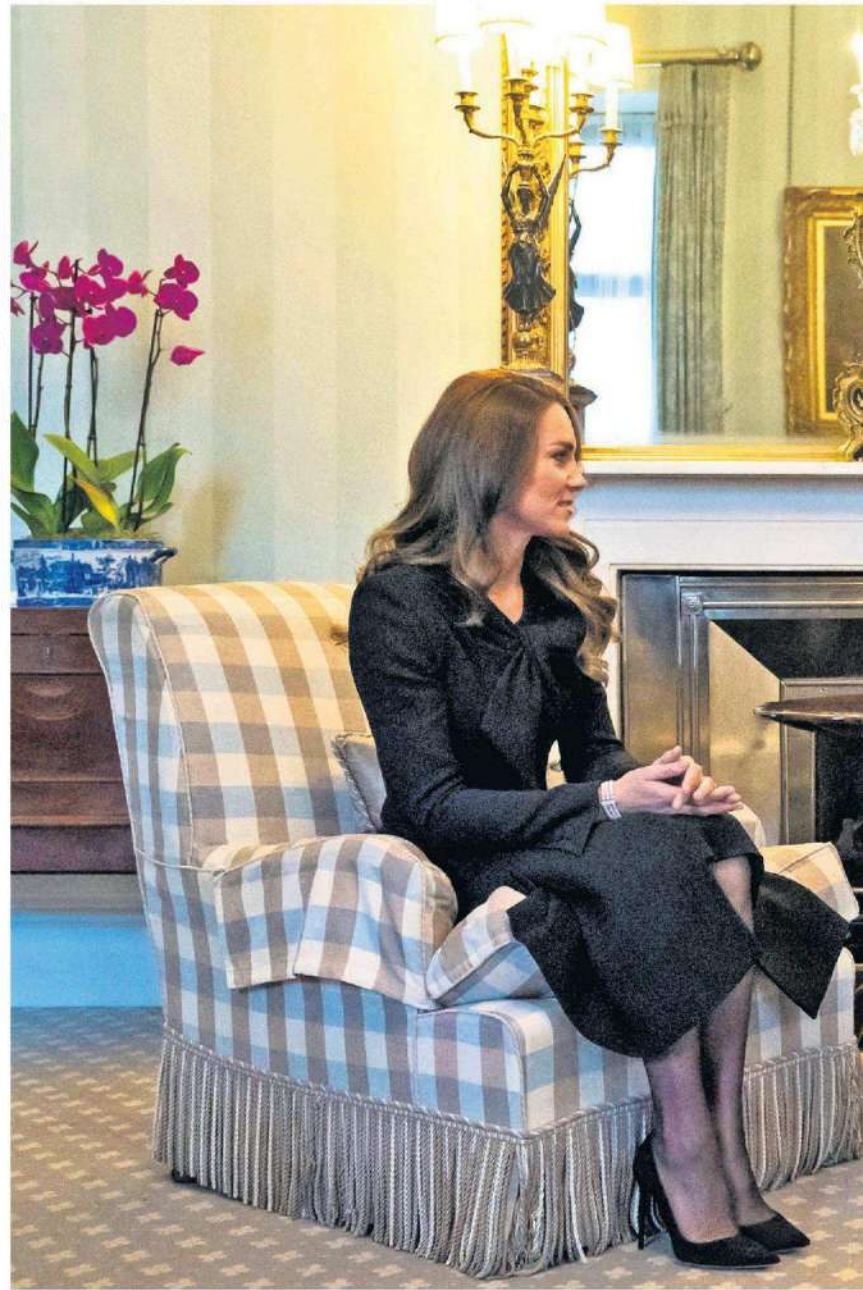
members of the royal family to follow the coffin as it is processed through Westminster Abbey. It is thought that Prince Louis, the Prince and Princess of Wales's youngest child, will not attend.

After the service, members of the family will follow the coffin on foot to Wellington Arch before it is driven to Windsor. A service of committal at 4pm will end with the Queen's coffin being lowered into the Royal Vault, alongside Prince Philip's coffin. The family will say their last farewells at 7.30pm in a private burial service in the King George VI Memorial Chapel.

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The Princess of Wales met Olena Zelenska, wife of the Ukrainian president, at Buckingham Palace yesterday. World leaders descended on the palace for a reception hosted by the King and Queen Consort before today's funeral. Guests included Queen Rania of Jordan, left, and Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid al-Maktoum, the ruler of Dubai



Palace reception fraught with risk of undiplomatic incidents

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They came from Africa and Asia, from America and Australasia. There were princes, princesses and presidents, emperors and emirs.

The president of Ireland shared a coach with the former king and queen of Spain. The present king and queen of Spain — whose relations with their predecessor are more than a little strained — shared coaches with the king and queen of Sweden.

Friendly nations and less friendly

ones met over drinks and canapés as Buckingham Palace hosted one of the biggest gatherings of heads of state in history — and hoped to avoid any diplomatic spat in the process. Between 200 and 250 heads of state and senior dignitaries were expected at the party, along with their spouses and partners, as Charles III welcomed them before his mother's funeral today.

There was also controversy close to home, amid reports that the Duke and Duchess of Sussex had been “uninvited”, because Harry is not a working royal.

His son and daughter-in-law repre-

sented merely one invitational headache for Charles, however. The choreography over the wider guest list was such that the Foreign Office was last night still refusing to release a list of those in attendance. The key protocol problem was that the guests were free to mingle at the Buckingham Palace gathering. When world leaders can move unimpeded, there is both diplomatic opportunity and risk.

Sources confirmed at the last moment that one of the most divisive guests was not going to attend. Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman of Saudi Arabia, blamed for the murder of

Jamal Khashoggi, the journalist, would be represented instead by Prince Turki bin Mohammed al-Saud, a member of the cabinet since 2018.

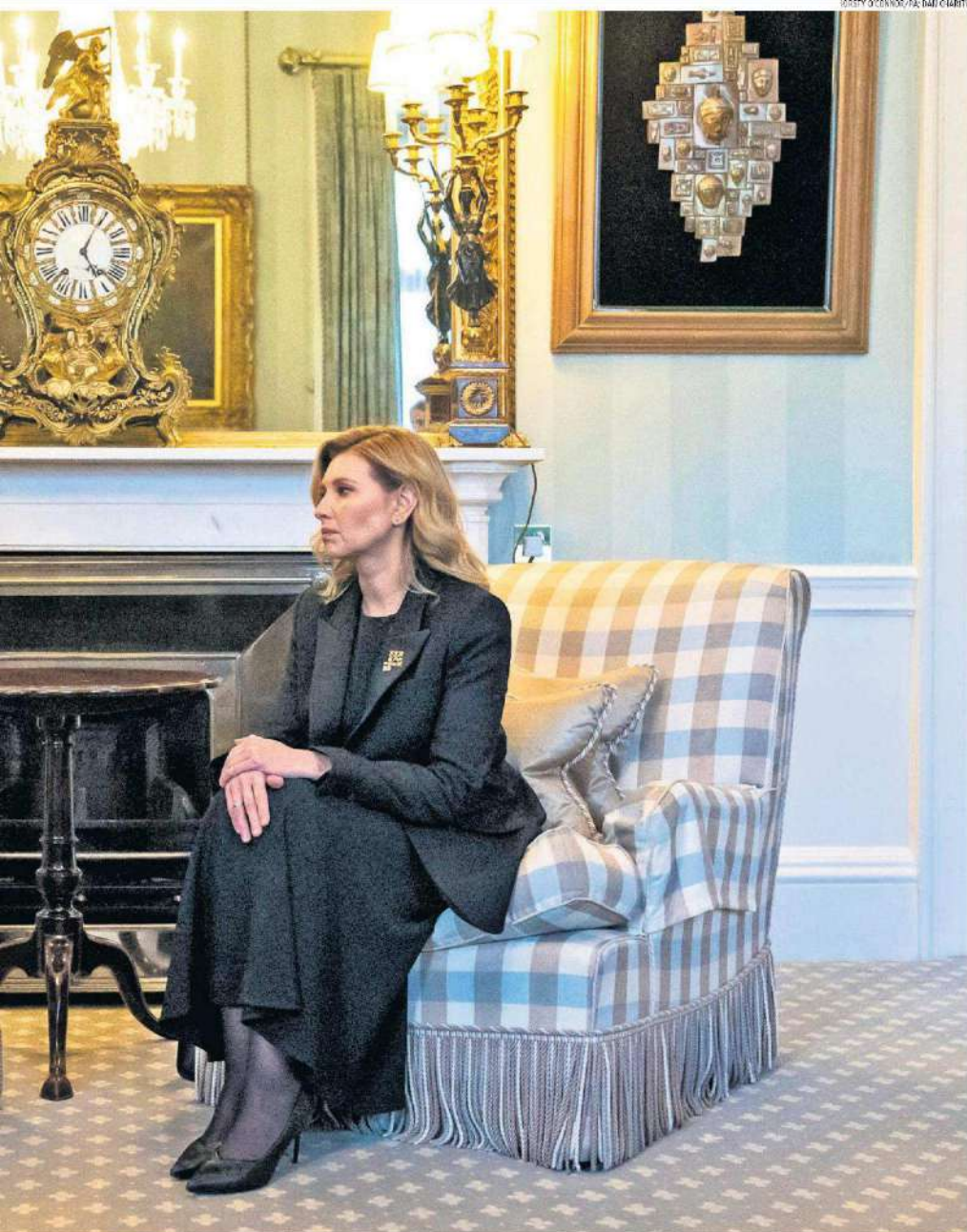
Khashoggi's fiancée, Hatice Cengiz, said his presence would “stain” the late Queen's memory. However, the religious nature of the funeral might also have provided the prince with a get-out clause: Christian worship is banned in his kingdom.

One potential flashpoint concerned Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid al-Maktoum, the ruler of Dubai, who was embroiled in British court cases concerning the escape of two daughters

and his wife, Princess Haya of Jordan. He was said to have arrived at Buckingham Palace to offer his condolences in a royal capacity last night. It raised the possibility of a meeting with Haya's brother, King Abdullah, who was also expected to be present.

Madrid is furious at the attendance of the exiled king emeritus, Juan Carlos, who received a personal invitation in addition to that extended to his estranged son, King Felipe, the head of state, who will lead the Spanish delegation with Queen Letizia.

Juan Carlos fled Spain for the Gulf in 2020 under suspicion of fraud and has



Princess of Wales hosts Kyiv's tearful first lady

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The Princess of Wales yesterday welcomed the first lady of Ukraine to Britain ahead of the Queen's funeral.

Olena Zelenska, the wife of the Ukrainian president Volodymyr Zelensky, made an unannounced visit to the UK and was hosted by Catherine at Buckingham Palace.

Downing Street officials had declined to confirm reports that Zelenska, 44, would travel to the UK for the Queen's funeral today.

She was pictured meeting the princess at the palace, where the pair, both dressed in black, sat either side of a fireplace on gingham armchairs.

Ukraine's first lady had earlier made an emotional visit to pay her respects on the last day of the Queen's lying in state. Zelenska was moved to tears by

the sight of the late monarch's coffin in Westminster Hall. She bowed her head for several seconds before leaving just prior to the arrival of the US president, Joe Biden, and his wife Jill.

Zelenska, who is expected to represent Ukraine at today's funeral, travelled to London days after her husband signed a book of condolence for the Queen in Kyiv in the presence of the UK ambassador, Melinda Simmons.

The president wrote that the Queen's memory "will forever remain in the history of mankind". Simmons said she was "deeply honoured" by the gesture.

There has been speculation that Zelensky himself will appear at the funeral, although the Foreign Office denied this was true last night.

Zelenska has remained at her husband's side as he oversees Ukraine's fightback against the Russian invasion. During the war, she has helped organise humanitarian aid and the evacuation of children from Ukraine.

Her first public appearance since the Russian invasion in February was when she was pictured meeting the US first lady in May.

Zelenska met her future husband while working as a scriptwriter at a national broadcaster in Ukraine. Zelensky was a well-known comedian and entertainer at the time.

King Felipe and Queen Letizia of Spain arriving at Buckingham Palace for the reception last night. They might have been hoping not to bump into Felipe's father, the exiled Juan Carlos, the former king, who was also among the world leaders and royals queuing up to pay their respects



Advice on handling formalities: make sure Macron is at the front

Jack Malvern

Keep apart leaders who hate one another, watch what you feed them and make sure that President Macron is near the front to avoid "a hissy fit".

This is the advice from former senior diplomats as Buckingham Palace and the Foreign Office try to accommodate perhaps the largest gathering of world leaders since the funeral of George VI. Lord Renwick of Clifton, who served as British ambassador to the United States in the early 1990s, felt sorry for the head of protocol at the Foreign Office responsible for avoiding incident as dignitaries gather in London.

While seating heads of royal families was determined by length of reign, other leaders were treated according to how sensitive they were.

"You can pretend it's alphabetical order, but it's not," he said. "Biden isn't very ego-driven, but he's going to be near the front."

"Macron [president of France] would have hysterics if he wasn't given a place of honour. Olaf Scholz [chancellor of Germany] wouldn't care. You've got to say to yourself, 'Who is going to have a hissy fit?'"

Lord Ricketts, former permanent secretary at the Foreign Office and British ambassador to France under David Cameron, said Buckingham Palace and the Foreign Office were experts in averting clashes.

"The Foreign Office ceremonial system is amazingly good at this sort of thing," he said. "I think everyone put up with some of the inevitable crowding ... Most heads of government are pretty adept at making a beeline for the people they want to buttonhole and not for the people they'd rather keep away from." Leaders would be unlikely to cause a scene: "Everyone is here to say farewell to the Queen."

Renwick, who has recalled tricky moments in his memoir *Not Quite a*

Diplomat, said organisers would avoid seating President Herzog of Israel next to a representative from Saudi Arabia. Mohammad Shtayyeh, the prime minister of Palestine, also will be present.

"You have several Arab states who don't mind sitting next to Israel now, but there are still some people who would not want to," Renwick said.

Feeding dignitaries could be fraught. Renwick recalled a moment of panic years ago when a Foreign Office official thought the government had served pork to the Saudi royal family. "I was once at a lunch we gave for Prince Fahd before he became king. I was near the head of the Arabian department when he said, 'Oh God, we've given him pork sandwiches.'" Renwick quickly reassured him: "No, it's turkey."

He said some foreign leaders would have to adjust to being treated with less fuss than normal. "You do find that we don't make the same huge fuss over dignitaries that the Americans or others do. We don't permit huge swarms of protectors, although you have to rein off for the president of the United States. He is always surrounded by Secret Service agents."

The difference was illustrated by an incident in 1981 when a gunman fired at the Queen as she rode along the Mall to the Trooping the Colour. The shots were blanks, but were enough to spook her horse. "She carried on to the Trooping the Colour. There is no way that would have happened in America."

Ricketts said the funeral should enhance Britain's global standing. "This extraordinary national moment of mourning and Britain coming together presents the UK in rather a good light."

Renwick said the gathering was likely to surpass the number of leaders who attended the funerals of Emperor Hirohito of Japan in 1989 or of Winston Churchill in 1965. "The last time you had so many world leaders in one place was probably the funeral of George VI."

not seen his son since. While Felipe and Letizia will stay with the Spanish ambassador, Juan Carlos will be consigned to a hotel with his estranged wife.

Not all those invited respected the apolitical nature of the occasion. President Bolsonaro, facing a re-election fight in Brazil next month, held an impromptu rally at his embassy yesterday, railing from the balcony against gender ideology, drugs, abortion and his Latin American neighbours.

President Herzog, Israel's largely ceremonial head of state, was to attend along with Mohammad Shtayyeh, the Palestinian prime minister, who will represent the ailing President Abbas. Relations between the Israeli and Palestinian administrations remain icy, with Britain's role in the century-old Balfour Declaration still a sensitive issue for the Palestinians. Charles infuriated Israel with his comments on his first visit to the Occupied Territories in 2020, where he said freedom for the Palestinians was "his dearest wish".

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We were all fortunate to have

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Before the president arrives, the logistics begin. "The Beast", a 6.8-tonne Cadillac with glass 5in thick, arrives by military transport. So does the Marine One helicopter.

As Joe Biden, Jill Biden and a skeleton staff of 13 advisers stepped off Air Force One on to British soil at Stansted on Saturday night, there was already a small army of 400 Secret Service agents to keep them safe.

But when, at 5pm yesterday, the president and first lady walked with the US ambassador on to a balcony overlooking Westminster Hall, they were at last standing alone, looking down on the public filing past the catafalque.

Atop that catafalque was the Queen Biden first met 40 years ago, when he was a young Democrat senator — a Queen he last met last summer at Windsor Castle and about whom he said after her death that she was "more than a monarch, she defined an era".

For a minute Biden stood, making the sign of the cross and putting his right arm on his chest, before leaving for a reception at Buckingham Palace. Speaking to reporters afterwards, he said: "You were fortunate to have her for 70 years, we all were. The world is better for her."

Biden said he had met "an awful lot of consequential people", but "the ones who stand out in your mind are those whose relationship and interaction with you are consistent with their reputation. She was the same in person as her image; decent, honourable and all about service. Our hearts go out to the royal family and King Charles... As I've told the King, she's going to be with him every step of the way, every minute, every moment."

Writing in the book of condolence, he said: "Queen Elizabeth II lived her life for the people and served with wisdom and grace. We will never forget her warmth, kindness and the conversations we shared."

President Macron of France and his wife Brigitte also visited the lying in state yesterday. The pair were spotted in central London wearing trainers and sunglasses as they made their way on foot to Westminster Hall flanked by a security detail. Olena Zelenska, the first lady of Ukraine, paid tribute on behalf of her husband President Zelensky.

Biden is unusual in having his own transport. When people take their seats at the funeral, many foreign dignitaries will have shared space on a bus. The sheer quantity of VIPs meant that organisers feared roads could become jammed with limousines if they allowed leaders to organise their own transport.

Yet there are exceptions. One is the leader of the United States. The bomb-proof car affectionately known as the Beast almost always travels ahead of the president. As well as thick armour, it has tyres with a solid core, so they can run if damaged, and its own oxygen supply in case of a gas attack.

After driving with a motorcade through north London, it took the Bidens to Westminster Hall for the lying in state and today will take them to the funeral itself.

While he will not be jostling for coach seats with his fellow presidents today, the privileges only go so far. Although key officials including Jake Sullivan, the national security adviser, and Jen O'Malley Dillon, the White House deputy chief of staff, have accompanied the president on the visit, they will not be entering Westminster Abbey for the funeral itself.

Air Force One, the presidential air-



President Macron and his wife, Brigitte, dressed casually for a stroll in Westminster before changing for the formalities. President Biden and his wife, Jill, and the US



craft, is due to leave tonight, bound for Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland, south of Washington. Biden and Liz Truss, the prime minister, will meet informally, but their first formal bilateral meeting has been delayed until Wednesday, when both will attend the United Nations General Assembly in New York.

Biden said yesterday that he had enjoyed his brief meetings with the Queen.

"When the Queen had us for tea and crumpets, she kept offering me more, I kept eating everything she put in front of me," he said, of the hospitality last year in Windsor Castle.

He added that she reminded him of his own mother. "She had that look, like, 'Are you OK, anything I can do for you, what do you need?' And then also, 'Make sure you do what you're supposed to do.'"

"It's about treating people with dignity. My mother and father thought that everyone, no matter who they were, no matter what their station, no matter where they are from, deserved to be treated with dignity. That's exactly what she communicated."

Truss 'can reset Irish relationship'

Matt Dathan Home Affairs Editor

Liz Truss held a "warm" meeting with Micheál Martin, the Irish taoiseach, who said her appointment as prime minister was a chance for a "reset" as disputes over the Northern Ireland protocol rumble on.

The two met in Downing Street for just under an hour as the prime minister used the visits of more than 100 world leaders for the Queen's funeral to boost relations.

However, Truss was said to have been snubbed by President Biden after the White House cancelled a meeting that had been scheduled for yesterday in favour of a longer one at the UN General Assembly in New York on Wednesday.

No 10 insisted that there was no snub and said there was an advantage to postponing as Truss and Biden would have more time to talk on Wednesday.

The leaders will discuss the global energy crisis and international security

after the Russian invasion of Ukraine, as well as China's increasingly aggressive stance. Truss met Justin Trudeau, prime minister of Canada, and President Duda of Poland at No 10 yesterday. She also saw Anthony Albanese, the Australian prime minister, and Jacinda Ardern, prime minister of New Zealand, on Saturday, and spoke with Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed al-Nahyan, president of the United Arab Emirates, by phone.

After seeing Truss, Martin did not answer questions about the Northern Ireland protocol but said that the change of prime minister was a chance to "reset" relations. Describing their meeting as "warm", he told BBC Radio 4: "I don't think this is the time, if you don't mind me saying so, to get into the detail about issues like the protocol... we discussed many issues in the context of the British-Irish relationship."

"But I do think the opportunity is there for us to reset relationships and to be conscious of what we achieved in

previous years... that gives us the strength to know that we have the capacity to overcome current obstacles, current issues that potentially could impede the relationship."

Whitehall sources have said the new government is keen to resolve the dispute over the Northern Ireland protocol and "move on" from the acrimony.

Downing Street views Ireland and the US as potential allies in persuading Brussels to show more flexibility on the operation of the protocol. Truss was planning to visit Dublin as her first official foreign trip, but postponed it until after the Queen's funeral.

She hopes to make progress on the issue when she meets European Union leaders including President Macron of France in New York. She will fly out tonight after the Queen's state funeral for a frantic week of diplomacy, followed by a series of big domestic announcements later in the week.

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her for 70 years, says Biden



ambassador, Jane Hartley, reflect at the Queen's lying in state, along with President Bolsonaro of Brazil and his wife, Michelle

Ardern: New Zealand will be a republic

Ben Clatworthy

New Zealand's prime minister has reiterated her view that New Zealand will become a republic in her lifetime but stressed that bonds would remain between Commonwealth nations.

Asked yesterday about the issue, Jacinda Ardern said: "I think even the Queen herself has observed and acknowledged the evolution over time in our relationships. My observation is that there will continue to be an evolution in our relationship. I don't believe it will be quick or soon, but over the course of my lifetime."

Anthony Albanese, the Australian prime minister, batted away questions about the country's constitution after the Queen's death, arguing that this was not the right time to discuss the subject.

Ardern said the change of sovereign would not be "jarring" for New Zealanders, as Charles was "well known" in the country. She told the BBC's *Sunday With Laura Kuenssberg* show: "He

shares many passions and interests that New Zealanders do."

Ardern was among the first leaders to land in the UK on Friday for what is being viewed as the biggest diplomatic event in a generation.

President Biden is one of only two world leaders permitted to arrive at Westminster Abbey in his own vehicle. Isaac Herzog, the Israeli president, is the other, for security reasons. VIPs will instead be bussed to the abbey from a site in west London.

Ardern said it "makes good sense" to travel together on the bus, adding: "I have to be honest, I'm kind of interested that there's so much fuss about it. I don't think the bus warrants too much fuss."

"When we came here for [the Commonwealth heads of government meeting in 2018], we used buses for transport. Back in New Zealand, I often get our ministers to carpool in a van. So look, this just makes good sense."

Emperor Naruhito and Empress Masako of Japan landed in a state plane

at Stansted on Saturday. He is staying at the hotel Claridge's, which one source said was "overrun with security people".

Droupadi Murmu, the president of India, arrived at Gatwick in the early hours of Sunday on the presidential aircraft, accompanied by Vinay Mohan Kwatra, head of the country's diplomatic service. The Foreign Office wrote to foreign leaders last week urging them to fly, if possible, on commercial planes.

Justin Trudeau, the Canadian prime minister, Albanese and Gaston Browne, the prime minister of Antigua and Barbuda, were among the leaders who visited Lancaster House in central London on Saturday to sign a book of condolence for the royal family.

King Philippe and Queen Mathilde of Belgium arrived in London by Eurostar yesterday in time to attend the King's reception at Buckingham Palace today. They travelled in business premier class, with four or five bodyguards.

Speaker accused of betrayal after deputy to Xi visits coffin

Matt Dathan

China's vice-president was allowed to view the Queen's lying-in-state yesterday, despite a parliamentary ban on the country's diplomats.

Wang Qishan is due to attend the state funeral of Queen Elizabeth today on behalf of President Xi.

Sir Lindsay Hoyle, the Commons Speaker, promised MPs that he would retain a ban on Chinese officials from visiting the Palace of Westminster. It was introduced in response to the Chinese government sanctioning several MPs for criticising Beijing's abuse of Uighur Muslims.

However, it emerged yesterday that the ban applied only to the Chinese ambassador and accredited diplomats and did not extend to heads of state. As Qishan is attending on behalf of Xi, the head of state, he was allowed in to Westminster Hall.

Hoyle was forced to defend himself against accusations he had buckled to pressure from the "Establishment" to allow the vice-president and his delegation in, to avoid a diplomatic incident from overshadowing the funeral.

Asked by Laura Kuenssberg on the BBC yesterday whether he had been "leant" on, Hoyle said: "Nobody has been leaning on me at all. Far from it. My view remains the same, that we would not welcome [a] reception in parliament. And that's when I stopped the ambassador and accredited Chinese from coming into the Commons."

"So let's be clear, to hold a reception in the Commons when MPs and a peer has been sanctioned is not acceptable. My view remains the same and nothing has changed."

The situation was complicated by the

jurisdiction of Westminster Hall during the lying in state. The space is shared between the speakers of the Commons and the Lords and the Lord Great Chamberlain, who is appointed by the monarch.

Senior Conservatives said they felt betrayed by Hoyle after being assured last week that the Chinese would not be given access. Sir Iain Duncan Smith told *The Sunday Telegraph*: "It's clear and obvious that the Establishment leant on the speakers to give way."

"The people that win at the end of the day are the Chinese Communist Party, which is a brutal, dictatorial and anti-human rights organisation, and all we've done is given them another victory. It looks like appeasement is back, alive and well in the British Establishment."

A Foreign Office source denied the claim, saying: "The government did not put pressure on the Speaker."

Last night Sir Kim Darroch, the former British ambassador to the US and a former national security adviser, defended the decision to invite countries with questionable human rights records, such as China and Saudi Arabia, to the state funeral.

He told Times Radio that it would be "little bit diminishing" if China had not been invited to the funeral and that it was "not a reward". Darroch added: "There will have been Foreign Office advice on who should be invited. That will have been signed off in No10."

"This is the second biggest economy in the world. It's the most populous nation in the world. I think it would be disappointing, you might even say a little bit diminishing, if you didn't have a senior representative of China at this funeral."

Ten thousand officers will police a million mourners

Fiona Hamilton Crime Editor

About 2,300 police officers will line the route of the Queen's final journey from Westminster Abbey to Windsor Castle during the biggest security operation in British history.

They will be part of a 10,000-strong team protecting mourners, comprising Metropolitan Police officers and more than 3,000 others drafted in from forces throughout the country. With about a million people expected in the heart of the capital, the Met is on alert for threats including terrorism, crowd crushes and protests.

There will be marksmen on rooftops, uniformed and plain-clothes officers mingling with crowds — in the biggest close protection security operation on record — and barriers to stop vehicles being driven into crowds. Motorcycle escort riders, dog teams and the marine unit are among other specialist teams involved.

The Fixed Threat Assessment Centre, a joint police and mental health unit, has been vetting royal obsessives to try to identify anyone who may pose a risk. Met officers have visited

convicted terrorists and have warned them to avoid the funeral.

A thousand police officers will line the route from Westminster Abbey to Wellington Arch and another 1,300 will be deployed on the final leg of the procession as the coffin travels to Windsor.

Stuart Cundy, a Met deputy assistant commissioner, told the public to speak to police if they saw or heard anything suspicious during the event.

The Met said 22 miles of barriers had been erected in central London to ensure a "safe and secure" event. Other tactics include airport-style security screening and armed patrols. A no-fly zone in central London is in place, with drones banned. Only police helicopters and authorised media helicopters are allowed within the space.

As of Friday morning, the Met had made 34 arrests in connection with the mourning period and funeral. It has not provided a breakdown of offences.

Cundy said: "All of our officers who will be on duty for the state funeral and for the route ... and they all feel immensely privileged to be part of this overall police response."

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Camilla recalls Queen's laughter in TV address

Valentine Low

The Queen Consort paid a televised tribute to the late Queen last night in which she recalled how Her Majesty laughed when she saw Camilla wearing mis-matching shoes on the day of her wedding to Prince Charles.

Her affectionate recollection came in a short film broadcast just after the national minute's silence.

Remembering her wedding day in 2005, the Queen Consort said: "I remember coming from here, Clarence House, to go to Windsor the day I got married when I probably wasn't firing on all cylinders, quite nervous and, for some unknown reason, I put on a pair of shoes and one had an inch heel and one had a two-inch heel.

"So I mean, talk about hop-a-long, and there's nothing I could do. I was half way down in the car before I realised and you know, she — she could see and laughed about it and said, 'Look I'm terribly sorry' and she did, you know, she had a good sense of humour."

The highly personal BBC broadcast was a reflection of the closeness of the relationship between the Queen Consort and the late Queen. It followed the example set when members of the royal family including Prince Charles, the Duke of Cambridge and the Duke of Sussex broadcast a televised tribute to the Duke of Edinburgh after his death in April last year.

The Queen Consort praised Queen Elizabeth's achievements as a female head of state. She said: "She has been part of our lives for ever. I'm 75 now and I can't remember anybody except the Queen being there.

"It must have been so difficult for her being a solitary woman, and there weren't women prime ministers or women residents, she was the only one, so I think she carved her own role.

"She made a rule that she had her private time and her private passions and then her public role and I think that



Camilla tells of having the Queen in stitches by wearing heels of different heights

is very important that the diary is planned out so you know when you're on duty and when you've got to do things. Then when she went up to Scotland in August, that was the moment where it was her enjoyment.

"Although, she was probably working, with her red boxes throughout, she could have her family to stay, she could do the things she loved."

She also talked of the Queen's love of horses. "Her real passion was racing," she said. "She was able to escape to Sandringham. She had the stud next

door. She could go every day, see her foals, work out the next meetings for the year. I think she always kept that as her private bit. You wouldn't dare question her or argue with her on how horses are bred, or how it ran, because you'd get a very steely blue-eyed look back again."

She also told how she took the Queen to some of her charities, including the Ebony Horse Club in south London and Medical Detection Dogs. "She loved both of them you know, it was real sort of genuine enjoyment and she

asked lots of questions and it was very nice to take her to things which I knew she would enjoy. She's got those wonderful blue eyes that when she smiles, you know, they light up her whole face. I'll always remember that smile, that smile is unforgettable."

While Camilla's tribute made clear the high regard that she had for her, the Queen also held her daughter-in-law in high esteem. They had come a long way from the days when the ill feeling over the role that Camilla played in the break-up of Charles's marriage to Princess Diana was such that the Queen would refuse to be in the same room as her. Over the years there was a gradual rapprochement, and the Queen gave a warm speech at the couple's wedding in 2005.

As Camilla settled into the royal family, the Queen came to be very fond of her, appointing her Dame Grand Cross of the Royal Victorian Order in 2012, and elevating her to the privy council in 2016. They also had a strong personal bond, sharing a love of the countryside, horses and dogs.

In 2022, in a further sign of how impressed the Queen has been with Camilla's loyalty and discretion since she married Charles, she made her a member of the Order of the Garter, Britain's oldest order of chivalry.

Then, in a shrewd and well-timed move, on the eve of her Platinum Jubilee in February 2022, Queen Elizabeth endorsed the Duchess of Cornwall, as Camilla was then, to be known as Queen Consort when the time came.

The Queen said it was her "sincere wish" and called on the public to back both her daughter-in-law and Charles when he became King. At one stroke she signalled her unqualified approval of Camilla, and also settled once and for all what until then had been the anguished question of what Camilla would be called when Charles acceded to the throne.



For Queen and corgi At Hyde Park in

Harry 'humiliated' by loss of cipher that Andrew kept

David Brown

The Duke of Sussex was left "humiliated" by the Queen's cipher being removed from his ceremonial military uniform while his disgraced uncle the Duke of York retained the honour because he maintained a key royal role.

Harry stood guard at the foot of the Queen's coffin during a vigil alongside the Prince of Wales and their six cousins on Saturday with the EIIR monogram and the monarch's crown unstitched from his epaulettes. Prince Andrew, who kept guard at Westminster Hall alongside the King, the Princess Royal and the Duke of Wessex on Friday, displayed that cipher on his shoulders.

It appeared yesterday that the distinction was because while Harry was removed as personal aide-de-camp to the Queen, it had gone unnoticed that his uncle retained the honorary role.

Harry, 38, was left "heartbroken" and considered wearing a morning suit to avoid "humiliation", *The Sunday Times* reported. He allegedly received the uniform from Buckingham Palace with the initials removed on Saturday. A friend told the paper: "To remove his grandmother's initials feels very intentional."

Both princes were allowed to wear



Prince Harry stood guard on Saturday with the EIIR monogram and the Queen's crown unstitched from his epaulettes but Andrew displayed the cipher on Friday



their uniforms during the lying in state as an "act of kindness" by the King, who had banned either from appearing in liverly at other ceremonial events.

They were both stripped of their royal duties by the Queen — Harry for deciding to start a new life in California and Andrew because of his links with the paedophile tycoon Jeffrey Epstein.

However, while Harry was required

to return "all honorary military appointments" to the Queen, Andrew returned only his "military affiliations".

A spokeswoman for Andrew, 62, said yesterday he maintained his appointment as a personal aide-de-camp.

The apparent inconsistency will highlight alleged favouritism towards Andrew despite his agreement to pay millions to settle a civil sexual assault

case made by one of Epstein's victims, Virginia Giuffrè, who claims that she was forced to have sex with the prince three times aged 17. He has consistently denied the allegations.

Harry was appointed personal aide-de-camp to the Queen in October 2018. He was the ninth royal to hold the role alongside his brother, father and grandfather, the Duke of Kent, Captain Mark Phillips and Sir Tim Laurence.

Buckingham Palace announced in February last year that the Queen had written to the Duke and Duchess of Sussex saying "it is not possible to continue with the responsibilities and duties that come with a life of public service". It said their "honorary military appointments and royal patronages" would be redistributed among working members of the family.

Andrew was appointed personal aide-de-camp in February 1984. When he was stripped of his royal duties the Palace stated that it was agreed "the Duke of York's military affiliations and royal patronages have been returned to the Queen". There was no reference to the cessation of his military "appointments", such as the personal aide-de-camp. Prince Harry, Kensington Palace and Buckingham Palace did not comment.

Prince pays tribute to 'Mummy'

Charlie Parker

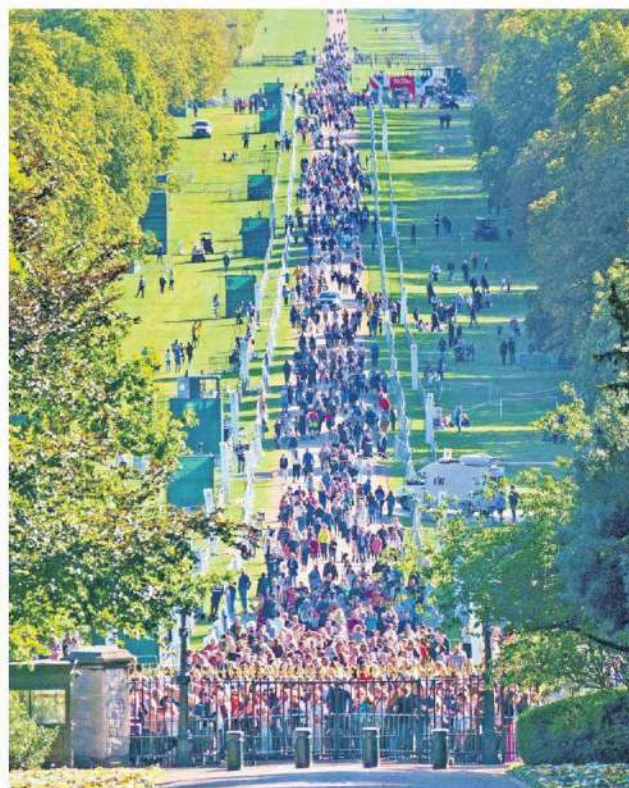
Last night Prince Andrew paid tribute to his "mummy", the Queen, thanking her for the love, compassion and confidence she had given him.

The Duke of York, who is no longer a working royal, said it had been a privilege to serve her, and issued a black and white image of his mother holding him as a baby in 1960.

He wrote: "Dear Mummy, Mother, Your Majesty, three in one. It has been an honour and a privilege to serve you. "Mother — of the nation — your devotion and personal service to our nation is unique and singular; your people show their love and respect in so many different ways and I know you are looking on, honouring their respect.

"Your love for a son, your compassion, your care, your confidence I will treasure forever. I have found your knowledge and wisdom infinite. I will miss your insights, advice and humour.

He finished by honouring King Charles, writing: "God save The King."



London, children add their blooms to a carpet of flowers while outside Buckingham Palace a royal favourite gets a pat. At Windsor Castle, the Long Walk, the funeral procession's final route, is filling up fast

King to promote working royals

Charlie Parker

King Charles wishes to amend the law to prevent non-working royals from stepping in to perform official duties on his behalf, it has been reported.

The move to change who can become counsellors of state would relieve Prince Andrew, Prince Harry and Princess Beatrice of their ability to represent the King.

Under the 1937 Regency Act passed by George VI, only the spouse of the sovereign and the next four in line to the throne — who are over the age of 21 — can act as counsellors of state.

They are authorised to carry out “most of the official duties of the Sovereign”, according to the royal family’s website. These include attending privy council meetings, signing routine documents and receiving the credentials of new ambassadors to the UK.

However, there are core constitutional functions that may not be delegated, such as Commonwealth matters, the creation of peers, appointing a prime minister and dissolving parliament, unless on the express instruction of the monarch.

During Queen Elizabeth’s reign the roles were filled by the Prince of Wales,

the Duke of Cambridge, the Duke of Sussex and the Duke of York. Prince Philip, Her Majesty’s husband, also acted as a counsellor.

With a new monarch on the throne, the line of succession has changed.

This means Camilla, now the Queen Consort, and the King’s niece, Princess Beatrice, the next adult in line, can act as counsellors of state.

Since Prince Harry moved to the United States and Prince Andrew was embroiled in a sexual assault scandal, Buckingham Palace has faced pressure to relieve them of their roles.

Andrew, who is now eighth in line to the throne, has been in the role since 1981 when he turned 21. Concerns have been raised that the duke, who has been heavily criticised over his relationship with the paedophile financier Jeffrey Epstein, was resuming royal duties despite his prominent fall from grace.

The palace has been urged to install working members of the family in their places.

The King recognises the absurdity having three non-working Royals able to step in if he is abroad or incapacitated, according to the *Daily Telegraph*, which learnt of the plans. Instead, the Earl of Wessex and the Princess Royal

could be made counsellors of state. Counsellors of state were rarely called upon during the 70-year reign of Queen Elizabeth, who was revered for her uncompromising commitment to her duties. However, it was not unprecedented, particularly during the final months of her life when her frailty led to her missing some events. When he was a prince, Charles III and his son William were deployed to deputise for the Queen at the state opening of parliament in May. Two counsellors were required in order for it to be constitutionally legitimate.

Should Charles move to make legislative changes, these would have to be enacted by the Houses of Parliament.

Parliamentarians have changed the Regency Act before after receiving a formal “message from the Queen” asking MPs to consider making amendments. In 1953, the year she was crowned, she asked for a provision to be included stating that if the Queen were to die before her heir turned 18, Prince Philip would have become Regent.

A new Regency Act including the amendments were laid in parliament by Sir David Maxwell Fyfe, then home secretary. Approval from Commonwealth countries was also needed.

Balmoral may become a museum to Her Majesty

Charlie Parker

The King plans to turn the Queen’s holiday home into a museum in her honour, it has been reported.

Balmoral Castle, the beloved Scottish home where the Queen spent her summers, could be “opened up to the public”. It is the latest suggested tribute to emerge in recent days, along with plans for a statue in Trafalgar Square and a campaign by MPs to declare an annual bank holiday. Balmoral would probably host an exhibition to pay tribute to the Queen’s 70 years of service.

“Looking at the number of properties and the number of working members of the Royal family, the King will be looking at the properties and asking: ‘What value does this give to the public?’,” a source told *The Mail on Sunday*.

The transformation of Balmoral would also be a chance to display royal jewellery and the Queen’s outfits. The King has an estate at nearby Birkhall, and is therefore thought unlikely to need large living quarters in Balmoral.

A museum would correspond with his long-held ambition to create public spaces within royal buildings. Before

the Queen’s death he devoted considerable time to restoring the Castle of Mey, the Caithness home of his late grandmother, the Queen Mother.

“Now he plans to do something similar with Balmoral,” a source told the newspaper. “But all these things are likely to take some time.” Balmoral, where the Queen died, would probably attract tens of thousands of visitors if it opened next summer.

A cross-party campaign has been started by MPs to enshrine the Queen’s memory by dedicating a day in the national calendar to her. Sir Iain Duncan Smith is spearheading the call to create a “Queen Elizabeth Day” bank holiday, and a petition had passed 140,000 signatures yesterday evening.

The *Times* reported last week that ministers and royal officials planned to hold talks about creating a memorial to the Queen that could lead to a statue on the fourth plinth in Trafalgar Square. Downing Street sources said that discussions would begin with Buckingham Palace on ways to “permanently mark” the Queen’s life of service.

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Prince George and Princess Charlotte to join procession

Valentine Low

Queen Elizabeth's great-grandchildren Prince George and Princess Charlotte will join the King and their parents the Prince and Princess of Wales in the procession at her state funeral at Westminster Abbey today.

George, nine, and Charlotte, seven, are believed to be the youngest royals to have taken part in a royal funeral procession.

The children, who were both at Prince Philip's memorial service in March, are also expected to attend the committal service later in the afternoon at St George's Chapel, Windsor, although their brother Prince Louis, four, is not expected to be there.

It is understood that their parents thought hard before deciding that they were ready to take part in a procession in front of more than 2,000 mourners in the abbey, including world leaders and foreign royalty.

They will join the King and Queen Consort, the Princess Royal and her husband Vice Admiral Sir Tim Laurence, the Earl and Countess of Wessex, the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Duke and Duchess of Sussex, and the Earl of Snowdon and Peter Phillips.

The Duke of Gloucester, the Duke of Kent and Prince Michael of Kent, who will not be following the coffin to Wellington Arch, will also be in the abbey procession.

The service, which will be the first funeral of a sovereign at the abbey since George II in 1760, will be conducted by the Dean of Westminster, the Very Rev-

erend Dr David Hoyle. Before the service the tenor bell of the abbey will be tolled every minute for 96 minutes, once for every year of Queen Elizabeth's life.

From the hymns to the readings, the Queen was consulted on every detail of the two services. In the committal service at St George's, the choir will sing a motet written by Sir William Harris, the former organist at the chapel who died in 1973. Harris, who was known as "the Doc", taught Princess Elizabeth and her sister Margaret the piano. The



The Prince and Princess of Wales thought hard before deciding that Prince George and Princess Charlotte, above, were ready to take part

committal will also feature music by Harris before the service: a prelude, and a setting of Elgar's *Nimrod*.

The hymns that the Queen chose for her funeral are *The Day Thou Gavest, Lord, is Ended, The Lord's My Shepherd and Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*.

The choir will also sing a setting of Psalm 42, *Like as the Hart*, which was specially composed for the service by Judith Weir, who in 2014 became master of the Queen's Music. Inspired

by the Queen's unwavering Christian faith, the piece will be sung unaccompanied.

The choir will sing two anthems — Charles Parry's *My Soul, There is a Country*, and *Who Shall Separate us from the Love of Christ?* which was composed for the service by the Scottish composer Sir James MacMillan.

In keeping with royal tradition there will be no eulogy, although Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury, will give the sermon. At the end of the service the congregation will sing the national anthem.

Baroness Scotland of Asthal, secretary-general of the Commonwealth, will read the first lesson from Corinthians, "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?"

After prayers are said from the high altar, the choir will sing *O Taste and See*, composed by Ralph Vaughan Williams for the Queen's coronation in 1953.

Before the coffin procession leaves the abbey, Major Paul Burns, piper to the sovereign, will play the traditional lament *Sleep, Dearie, Sleep*.

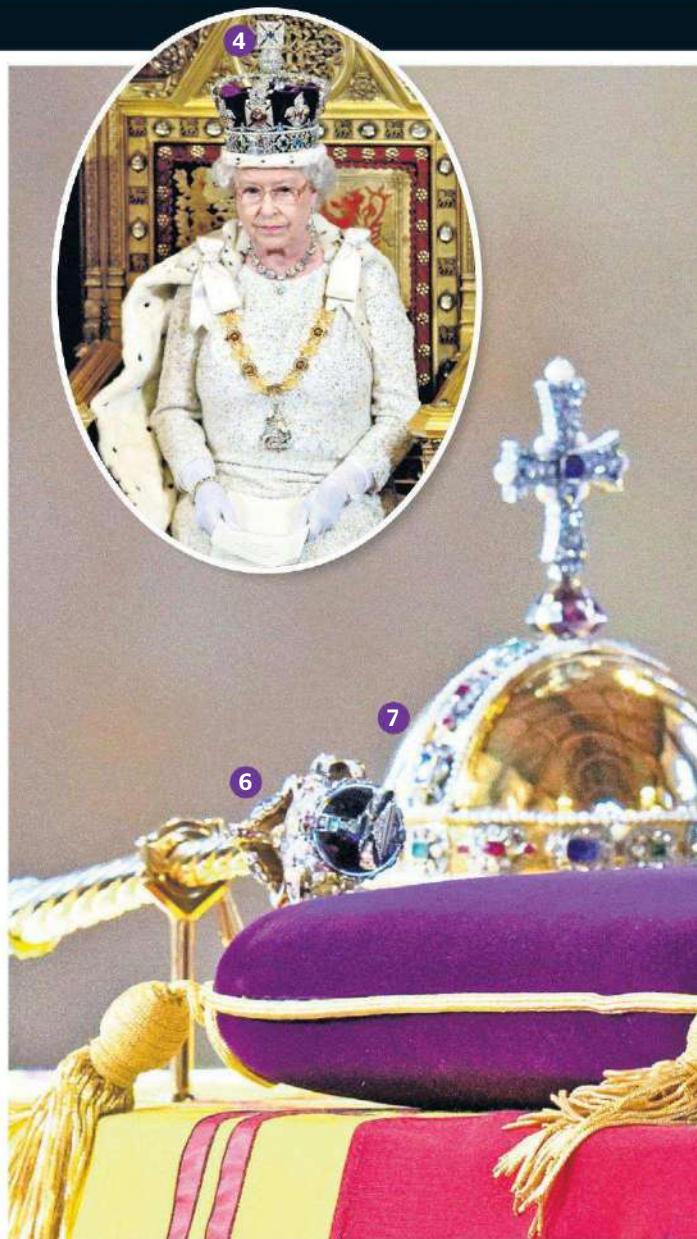
At the committal at 4pm, a more intimate service will be attended by those closest to the late Queen, including her personal staff. The hymns will be *All My Hope on God is Founded* and *Christ is Made the Sure Foundation*.

At the end of the last hymn the camp colour of the Queen's Company, 1st Battalion Grenadier Guards, will be placed on the coffin, to be buried with her. The lord chamberlain, Lord Parker of Minsmere, will break his wand of office and place it on the coffin.

wedding of the then Princess Elizabeth and Lieutenant Philip Mountbatten in 1947. Later, in the committal service, the Dean of Windsor will read from the Book of Revelation, "I saw a new heaven and a new earth", which was read by the Bishop of Winchester at George VI's funeral. It was read at the funerals of the Queen's grandparents, King George V in 1936 and Queen Mary in 1953.

It is worth remembering that sovereign's funerals do not usually feature a eulogy. The most noted royal eulogy of recent times was at the funeral of Diana, Princess of Wales, when her brother Earl Spencer made his controversial pledge to William and Harry that "we, your blood family, will do all we can to continue the imaginative way in which you were steering these two exceptional young men so that their souls are not simply immersed by duty and tradition but can sing openly as you planned". Many in the abbey applauded. The Queen did not.

The committal service also features a poignant reminder of the Duke of Edinburgh. The choir will sing the Russian Kontakion of the Departed, *Give Rest, O Christ, To Thy Servant*, which was sung at Philip's funeral in April last year as his coffin was lowered into the royal vault.



Ancient gems reflect power of the Crown

The Imperial State Crown (1) adorns the Queen's coffin in Westminster Hall. It weighs 2.3lb and is worn for the monarch's procession out of the abbey after coronation and then at state

openings of parliament. Its last appearance came in May as a symbol of the Queen, when Prince Charles opened parliament in his mother's absence. It is made of gold and is set with 2,868 diamonds, 17 sapphires, 11 emeralds, 269 pearls and four rubies. The stones include St Edward's Sapphire (2), set in the centre of the crown's top cross. It is thought to have been worn in the coronation ring of Edward the Confessor (3), who died in 1066. There is also the Black Prince's Ruby (4), which dates to 1371 when it

Familiarity in choice of words and music

Analysis

The words and the music for the state funeral of the Queen at Westminster Abbey, and the committal service at St George's Chapel, Windsor, will have the comforting ring of familiarity, Valentine Low writes.

That is not surprising: much of it is the traditional language of the prayer book with which the Queen would have been familiar since childhood. She was nothing if not traditional.

More significantly, however, they are the words that the Queen heard herself at the funerals of those closest to her.

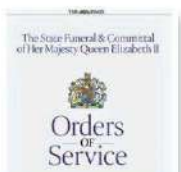
The funeral service begins with the choir singing the *Burial Sentences* — starting with "I am the resurrection and the life" to a setting by William Croft as the coffin is processed through the abbey. Those five sentences, which are lines of scripture set to music, were sung at the beginning of the funeral of the Queen Mother in 2002 and have been used at every state funeral since the early 18th century.

The service has echoes of the funeral of the Queen's father, King George VI, which also was held at St George's Chapel, as had been the tradition for the previous 200 years.

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That was a shorter service than the one being held today — only one lesson and one reading, and no anthems — but the choir did sing Psalm 23, *The Lord is My Shepherd*, just as the congregation will sing it today. The hymn was sung, too, at the

Big screens go up to help

David Sanderson

Big screens are being erected from Lisburn to Ipswich and from Edinburgh to Exeter so that members of the public can watch the Queen's funeral together.

Dozens of big screens are being erected in public places by local councils for those wishing to pay their respects.

Hyde Park in London, Cathedral Square in Sheffield, Centenary Square in Birmingham, Lincoln Castle grounds and Holyrood Park in Edinburgh are among the locations due to host communal screenings of today's proceedings.

John Mallinson, leader of Carlisle council, said the screen in the city's Bitts

Park would be the sole focus, with no trading stalls being permitted. "The live screening of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's state funeral is an opportunity for people to come together as a community," he said.

In Britain's second city, the ceremony will be shown on a large screen in Centenary Square. Ian Ward, leader of Birmingham council, said the "feeling of sadness and loss" in the city was "abundantly clear".

"Many people will want to go to London to observe this moment, but getting to the capital will be neither easy nor cheap [so] the square will be a local, easy-to-reach space where people can reflect," Ward said.

Several cathedrals are due to screen the proceedings, including those in



was taken from the body of the Sultan of Granada by Pedro the Cruel, who gave it to the prince. It is said to have been worn by Henry V at Agincourt and Richard III at Bosworth.

Dangling from the centre of the arches of the crown, are four pear-shaped pearls (5), dating from Mary Queen of Scots in the 16th Century and may have been worn by Elizabeth I. The sceptre (6) is held to represent the crown's power and

governance. It has been used since 1661, when it was created for the coronation of Charles II. It was redesigned in the 20th century to incorporate the world's largest cut white diamond, Cullinan I, also known as the First Star of Africa — given to Edward VII in 1907. The sceptre is 3ft long, weighs 2.6lb and is decorated with 333 diamonds and other gems.

The gold clasps on the Cullinan I diamond can be opened, allowing it

to be worn as a pendant hanging from Cullinan II, another diamond cut from the same stone, which is set in the Imperial State Crown.

Records of coronations as early as the 9th century mention a sceptre. The orb (7) — a golden sphere, surmounted by a gem-encrusted cross — is symbolic of the monarch's power deriving from God. During today's funeral service, the Imperial State Crown, the orb and sceptre will be lifted from the coffin by the Crown Jeweller.

'This will warm your cockles. Queen didn't want a dull funeral'

Charlie Parker

The Queen did not want a "long, boring" funeral service, according to Lord Sentamu, a former archbishop of York, who said that today's service would lift people "to glory".

He told *Sunday With Laura Kuenssberg* on BBC One: "So what you're going to expect is the best of funeral services, the prayer book service, the words which were an inspiration to Shakespeare.

"So you're going to hear this wonderful English at its best. Also you're going to hear angelic voices of the choir of the abbey plus the Chapel Royal, you really hear voices that are singing to the glory of God.

"The Queen does not and did not want what you call long, boring services. You're not going to find boredom, but you're going to be lifted to glory as you hear the service. The hearts and people's cockles will be warmed and at the same time there will be a moment of saying this is a funeral service that is glorious in its setting."

He also said: "The Queen wrote me a most wonderful letter four weeks after the burial of Prince Philip, thanking me for the flowers, the prayers and then ended by saying, 'When you are grieving someone you deeply love, it isn't easy when you have to do it in public.'"

"So my thought will be to the new King and the whole royal family. They are grieving publicly."

Health workers and volunteers said they were honoured to play a role in today's funeral. Some will march in the funeral procession as part of the Civilian Services Contingent.

Among them will be May Parsons, the nurse who gave the first approved Covid-19 vaccine. Parsons, a modern matron for respiratory services at University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire Trust, gave the job to Maggie Keenan in December 2020.

In July she met the Queen when she awarded the George Cross to the NHS, one of her last ceremonial medal presentations. Parsons, along with frontline workers from Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, accepted the award at a ceremony in Windsor Castle.

Parsons said that at the time the Queen was "full of life and humorous... She was so lovely, she was so funny. I was so nervous, but she made me feel at home and at ease. She was telling us not to look so glum in the photos. In between the shots, she said, 'Don't look so miserable.'"

Your brief guide to the day

Today's weather

Most places fine and dry but cloudy, with some bright or sunny intervals

London 10am

Windsor 3pm

13C
10% chance of rain

17C
10% chance of rain

6.30am Westminster Hall closes to the public and the lying in state comes to an end.

8am Members of the congregation will start to take their seats.

10.35am Pallbearers will carry the coffin to the state gun carriage outside Westminster Hall. The coffin will have a tri-service guard of honour, with the King and other members of the royal family following the carriage to the abbey.

11am The state funeral service, led by the Dean of Westminster. After the national anthem and a lament from the Queen's Piper, the coffin will be carried outside.

12.15pm The procession to Wellington Arch will begin, led by Mounties from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. Minute guns will be fired in Hyde Park by the King's Troop, Royal Horse Artillery, and Big Ben will toll throughout.

1pm The procession will arrive at Wellington Arch, where the coffin will be placed in the state hearse. As the coffin departs for Windsor Castle, the parade will give a royal salute and the national anthem will be played. The King and other members of the royal family will depart for Windsor by car.

3.40pm The King will rejoin the procession at Windsor Castle. The coffin will be carried into St George's Chapel for the committal service, with the King placing the Queen's Company Camp Colour of the Grenadier Guards on top before it is lowered into the Royal Vault.

7.30pm A private burial service attended by the King and members of the royal family will be conducted by the Dean of Windsor in the King George VI Memorial Chapel. The Queen is to be buried in the chapel together with her late husband, the Duke of Edinburgh.

people watch the service together

Norwich, Bristol, Salisbury, Bradford, Truro and Manchester. Other screens will be placed in the gardens of Manchester's cathedral and in the city's Exchange Square.

Most will be open on a first-come, first-served basis.

While large cinema chains including Cineworld and Odeon have announced the full closure of their screens today as a mark of respect, other companies are opening to show the funeral proceedings on a big screen. Curzon, Vue and Arc are among chains that will screen the funeral without charge at selected locations.

Vue said its "retail offering on this day will be limited to complimentary bottled water during the broadcast, with no other snacks or drinks available

for purchase". Most of the cinemas have already reached full capacity.

Theatres including Norwich Theatre Royal and the Royal Shakespeare Company in Stratford-upon-Avon will open their doors for free screenings. The Queen was a patron of the RSC since its creation in 1961.

Other less formal locations are going to be opening, including Lazenby Social Club in Cumbria, which hopes "the children of the village can also attend... and hopefully remember it more poignantly". The Holy Molies crazy golf course in Skelton, east Cleveland, is opening for the funeral, with free tea, coffee and sandwiches for those "that may wish to watch the full funeral with others rather than be home alone".

Thousands of pubs are expected to be

open in time for the service, among them those run by The Stonegate Group, which is Britain's largest operator with brands including Slug & Lettuce and Walkabout. It said that the "passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II is a momentous and sombre occasion".

JD Wetherspoon, however, is due to shut most of its nationwide chain of pubs for the service — with the exception of outlets in railway stations, airports and central London — and will open only at 1pm.

There were no mass gatherings planned in Wales, according to the culture department website that lists dozens of public gatherings organised by the state and church in England, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Veteran private secretary stays to oversee transition

Valentine Low

The Queen's private secretary who masterminded some of her greatest successes of recent years, including the 2011 state visit to Ireland and the James Bond film for the 2012 Olympic Games, will stay on at Buckingham Palace as the King's joint private secretary alongside Sir Clive Alderton.

Sir Edward Young will stay for a limited period of some months to help to ease the King's team into their roles. Alderton, 55, who has been Charles's principal private secretary since 2015, will be "first among equals".

Alderton will be principal private

secretary to the King and the Queen Consort, while Young will be joint principal private secretary to the King only. An official announcement is not expected until royal mourning ends, a week after the Queen's funeral.

Young, also 55, who had worked for the Queen since 2004, will provide expertise about how the palace works. He was responsible for overseeing the negotiations with the Duke and Duchess of Sussex when they stepped down as working members of the royal family to live in the United States.

Alderton, a former diplomat, is regarded by colleagues as "phenomenally intelligent" with good leadership skills.

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Timing is everything for military marchers

Military chiefs have been told to “up their game” for the Queen’s funeral today and listen to a metronome at 75 beats per minute to ensure the right pace during the procession (Matt Dathan and Larisa Brown write).

Admiral Sir Tony Radakin, the chief of the defence staff, admitted to nerves but said an enormous amount of planning for the event had gone on for “a very long time”.

He said more than 10,000 soldiers, sailors and airmen and women would perform their “last duty” to the Queen during the day’s events.

Radakin gave an insight into military chiefs’ preparations for the state funeral, recounting a briefing on Friday by a member of the Coldstream Guards.

Speaking to *Sunday With Laura Kuenssberg* on the BBC, Radakin said: “There’s a wonderful man called the garrison sergeant major, Mr Vernon Stokes, who on Friday ... at the rehearsal has asked the chiefs to up their game.”

“We’ve all been told to listen to a metronome at 75 bpm, so you might see people walking around London

so that we get the right rhythm for the funeral procession.”

The beat of the drums from the band will be at 75 bpm, which will assist them to stay in step.

The pace of 75 bpm is specifically reserved for funerals and ensures it keeps time with the slow pace of the gun carriage. It is understood that the marching speed for at Princess Diana’s funeral in 1997 was at a slightly slower pace because as Princess of Wales, the procession was carried out by Welsh Guardsmen, whose funeral pace is understood to be 70 bpm.

At other events, troops would either do a slow march of 60 bpm or a quick march of 110 bpm.

Marching speeds differ around the world. In the US, marches are usually at 120 bpm, and the goose step in Russia is the same.



Yeomen of the Guard rest, main picture, after their vigil at the Queen’s coffin; other soldiers prepare for duty and tailors adjust uniforms

In Ukraine, the normal marching speed is at 120 bpm but is half the pace at funerals.

Radakin said today would be a proud moment for all defence personnel.

He said: “For all of us, this is our last duty for Her Majesty the Queen and it’s our first prominent duty for His Majesty King Charles, and we’re representing the nation, we’re representing our mothers, our grandmothers, our fathers, our friends, and everybody’s very, very aware of that.”

“We have the plans and now we have to execute them and there’s lots of brilliant people that are enabling that and it’s coming together as well.”

He shared the story of how one young female soldier had learned of the death of the Queen while boarding a flight to Cyprus, and proceeded to hold up the plane so she could get her luggage off.

Radakin said: “She’s a member of the Royal Horse Artillery, Gunner Stark, she got to London and then she could take part in the gun salute that you showed at the beginning of the programme.”

“So there’s lots of very moving stories where people are doing their duty to both Her Majesty the Queen and importantly His Majesty

King Charles.”

Asked if he was nervous ahead of the service, Radakin told Kuenssberg: “There’s always an element of apprehension, but we have brilliant people that help at every level, some generals that have been planning this for a long time.”

The head of the armed forces stood in a vigil at the Queen’s lying in state in Westminster Hall, which he said was “a huge honour and privilege”.

Asked about the emotions he felt as he stood beside the coffin in Westminster Hall, Radakin said: “[I] was just reflecting on Her Majesty the Queen, several audiences that I been privileged to have with her, and this sense of gratitude for what she provided to our nation.”



German prince saved Victoria’s funeral and started a tradition

Cold weather and restless horses led naval ratings to pull the Queen’s coffin in 1901, **Valentine Low** writes

When the Queen’s coffin makes its way through the streets of London on a gun carriage, drawn not by horses but by naval ratings, it will be marking a tradition that goes back to the funeral of Queen Victoria in 1901 and an incident in which a calamity was averted by the quick thinking of a German prince serving in the Royal Navy.

Victoria, who had a passionate interest in the ceremonial surrounding death, had strong views about what sort of funeral she wanted. She insisted that the pall covering her coffin should be white, not black — there were to be no mournful drapes for the joyful day she joined her beloved Albert — and she also wanted a military-styled funeral: hence the gun carriage, an idea she had borrowed from the funeral of the Duke

of Albany. But February 2 was a bitterly cold day, and as the horses of the Royal Horse Artillery waited for the coffin to arrive at Windsor from Paddington they grew restless. When they finally set off, a bar securing the traces to the gun carriage broke, and it looked as if there might be a long delay before they got the coffin to Windsor Castle.

It was Prince Louis of Battenberg, a German relation of the royal family who went on to become First Sea Lord in the years before the First World War, who saved the day.

He told the King, Edward VII: “If it is impossible to mend the traces, you can always get the naval guard of honour to drag the gun carriage.”

Ropes were found and the seamen duly pulled the carriage up the steep hill to the castle. A tradition was born: that gun carriage has been pulled by naval ratings at the funeral of every sovereign since.

That was not the only break with tradition that day. For the previous 200 years the funerals of sovereigns had been held in the evening: hers was the first to be held during the day. It was also the first to be filmed.

Neither were monarchs in the habit of attending the funerals of their predecessors, as it was not seen as auspicious for them to be surrounded by all the panoply of death.

William IV was the first to attend a sovereign’s funeral, although he hardly set an encouraging example. At George IV’s funeral the King — performing the role of chief mourner in a cloak of purple velvet — was seen “talking incessantly and loudly to all about him, so that the most frivolous things were heard”, and soldiers on duty joined in the general chatter and “common-place jokes”.

After the funeral rites were completed the new King stomped out while the anthem was still being sung, not even waiting to see his brother’s remains lowered into the vault below.

The diarist Charles Greville wrote: “It is a wretched mockery after all, and if I were a king, the first thing I would do should be to provide for being committed to the earth with more decency and less pomp.”

In earlier days they had very different ideas about what constituted an appropriate level of pomp. There were laws

decreed that only members of the aristocracy were allowed to wear mourning, and strict rules about what that should be. When Queen Caroline, the wife of George II, died, instructions went out for ladies to wear “black bombazines [ie matt fabric], plain Cambric Linnen, Crape Hoods, Shamoy Shoes and Gloves, and crape Fans; and for their Undress, dark Norwich Crape”. Mourning lasted six months.

After the death of Charles II, the King’s mistresses were told they might put themselves in mourning, but not their servants.

Since George III sovereigns have — until now — had their funerals at Windsor. The last king to be buried at Westminster Abbey was George II: it was not a dignified affair. The politician and man of letters Horace Walpole left a splendidly gossipy account in which he recorded that the bishop “read sadly, and blundered in the prayers,” while the Duke of Newcastle “fell into a fit of crying” only to recover moments later and run about the chapel “with his glass to spy who was or was not there, spying with one hand, and mopping his eyes with t’other”.

Over the years the question of who attended a funeral would change dramatically. In earlier times monarchs were attended to their funerals by all their servants: children of the wood-yard, yeomen of the scalding house, grooms and clerks of the pastry and larder and so on. Later there would be courtiers, members of the aristocracy, bishops and privy counsellors. By the time of Victoria’s funeral there were kings, princes, grand dukes and arch-dukes from around the world. The Crown Prince of Siam attended, so too did Kaiser Wilhelm II of Germany, Victoria’s grandson, with whom Britain would later be at war.

The presence of all those foreign dignitaries meant that Victoria’s funeral, which involved transporting her coffin across the Solent from the Isle of Wight, by train to London, across the capital in a two-hour military procession and then by train to Windsor, was an organisational nightmare. No one was properly prepared, and the whole affair had to be planned from scratch in ten days. At one point Fritz Ponsonby, an assistant private secretary in charge of the Windsor end of the funeral, asked the



Earl Marshal's office for the Windsor part of the programme. He was told they had not started on it. "We haven't finished Osborne and London yet," they said. "Has it not occurred to you," he replied, "that the funeral starts from Osborne tomorrow?"

For all the grandeur, royal funerals always had room for the personal touch. George II left instructions that when his coffin was placed in the stone sarcophagus that already held Queen Caroline, a side board of each coffin should be removed so that their bones might lie together.

As Olivia Bland observed in her book *The Royal Way of Death*, it was a touching last act of devotion for a man who was notoriously brusque to his wife when she was alive.

When the vault was opened in 1837 the two planks were still there, propped up against the side of the vault.

At the funeral of Edward VII — who had insisted his obsequies, unlike those of his mother, were planned well in advance — his favourite charger, Kildare, walked behind the coffin in the procession from Westminster to Paddington, her master's boots reversed in the stirrups. Behind her, led by a Highlander, trotted Caesar, the late King's rough-haired terrier. Caesar immediately captured the public imagination, and became a cult figure. His "memoirs", entitled *Where's Master?* were a popular Christmas present that year.

While the pomp and ceremony were a reflection of the monarch's status, for some sovereigns their funerals also had a function in allowing an opportunity for an outpouring of genuine popular grief. When George III died, he was remembered less as the monarch who

had lost the American colonies than the one in whose reign Napoleon had been defeated, and over the two days before his funeral 30,000 mourners came to see him lie in state.

Immense crowds lined the streets for the funeral procession of George VI, the shy, simple, devoted king who had seen the country through the Second World War. As two minutes' silence was observed around the country, miners in South Wales knelt at the coal-face, heads bowed, their helmets on their knees.

For all the expressions of public grief, and the growing involvement of the media, the funeral of George V was the first in which radio microphones were placed along the processional route so that the world could listen to the tramp of feet and the thump of muffled drums.

It should not be forgotten that royal funerals are also moments of private grief for the families themselves.

When George V lay in state in Westminster Hall, on the evening of the fourth day King Edward VIII and his three brothers decided to pay a last tribute to their father by standing around the coffin in full dress uniform, stationing themselves between the officers already on vigil.

He wrote later: "I doubt whether many recognised the King's four sons among the motionless uniformed figures bent over swords reversed.

"We stood there for 20 minutes in the dim candlelight and the great silence. I felt close to my father and all that he stood for."

Half a century after George V's death it emerged that his life had been ended prematurely by his doctor, Lord Dawson of Penn, who hastened his journey

to the next world so that it could meet the deadlines of the respectable morning newspapers, in particular *The Times*.

"The King's life is moving peacefully towards its close," was the final notice issued by Dawson at 9.30pm on the night of January 20, 1936. Not long afterwards he injected the king with 750mg of morphine and a gram of cocaine — enough to kill him twice over — in order to ease the monarch's suffering. However, he had another motive, too, as revealed in a 1986 biography by the historian Francis Watson. Dawson wrote in his notes: "The determination of the time of death of the King's body had another object in view, viz, of the importance of the death receiving its first announcement in the morning papers rather than the less appropriate field of the evening journals."

Of all the modern royal funerals it was that of George VI that saw one of the most poignant moments of private royal grief. His funeral was the first to be televised, but what the cameras were unable to capture was how, too frail to attend the funeral of his son, Queen Mary watched the procession from Marlborough House in St James's.

Her friend and lady-in-waiting the Countess of Airlie, who sat with her, wrote: "As the cortège wound slowly along the Queen whispered in a broken voice, 'Here he is,' and I knew that her dry eyes were seeing beyond the coffin a little boy in a sailor suit. She was past weeping, wrapped in the effable solitude of grief. I could not speak to comfort her. My tears choked me."

"The words I wanted to say would not come. We held each other's hand in silence."

Final resting place



Burial sites of British and English monarchs

- 1 Greyfriars, Leicester, England**
Richard III (1485)
- 2 Worcester Cathedral, England**
John (1216)
- 3 Gloucester Cathedral, Gloucestershire, England**
Edward II (1327)
- 4 Winchester Cathedral, England**
William II of England (1100)
- 5 Reading Abbey, England**
Henry I (1135)
- 6 St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, England**
Elizabeth II (2022), George VI (1952), George V (1936), Edward VII (1910), William IV (1837), George IV (1830), George III (1820), Charles I (1649), Henry VIII (1547), Henry VI (1484), Edward IV (1483)
- 7 Frogmore, Windsor, England**
Edward VIII (1972), Victoria (1901)
- 8 Church of St Peter ad Vincula, Tower of London, England**
Lady Jane Grey (1554)
- 9 Westminster Abbey, London, England**
George II (1760), Anne (1714), William III (1702), Mary II (1695), Charles II (1685), James I (1645), Elizabeth I (1603), Mary I (1558), Edward VI (1553), Henry VII (1509), Edward V (1483, buried 1678), Henry V (1422), Richard II (1400), Edward III (1377), Edward I (1307), Henry III (1272), Edward the Confessor (1066)
- 10 Faversham Abbey, Kent, England**
Stephen (1154)
- 11 Canterbury Cathedral, Kent, England**
Henry IV (1413)
- 12 Herrenhausen Gardens, Leineschloss, Hanover, Germany**
George I (1727)
- 13 Saint-Étienne de Caen, Normandy, France**
William I (William the Conqueror) (1087)
- 14 Cathédrale de Notre-Dame de Rouen, Rouen, France**
Matilda (1167)
- 15 Church of the English Benedictines, Paris, France**
James II (1688)
- 16 Abbaye Royale de Fontevraud, Anjou, France**
Richard I (1199), Henry II (1189)

Scattered far and wide, the royal burial places

Kaya Burgess
Religious Affairs Correspondent

In almost a millennium since the reign of Edward the Confessor, two thirds of the monarchs in England and the United Kingdom have been buried in only two locations. Twenty-eight have been laid to rest in either Westminster Abbey or St George's Chapel in Windsor; for the remainder, their final resting places are scattered far and wide, with some seemingly lost forever.

Queen Elizabeth II will be laid to rest at St George's Chapel at Windsor Castle with ten other sovereigns, but will be the first female monarch to be buried there. She will join her father, grandfather and great-grandfather, George VI, George V and Edward VII, all of whom died in the 20th century. She also will join Henry VI and Edward IV from the 15th century; Henry VIII from the 16th; Charles I from the 17th; and George III, George IV and William IV from the 18th century.

The 17 monarchs at Westminster Abbey start with Edward the Confessor in 1066. He was followed by Henry III in the 13th century; by Edwards I and III and Richard II in the 14th century; by Henry V and Edward V in the 15th; by Henry VII, Edward VI and Mary I in the 16th; by Elizabeth I, James I, Charles II and Mary II in the 17th; and by William III, Anne and George II in the 18th.

Other monarchs tended to be buried

in locations with a strong personal connection, sometimes in abbeys, cathedrals or mausoleums that they had themselves commissioned.

Queen Victoria had the Royal Mausoleum at Frogmore built for the burial of Prince Albert and she joined him there on her death in 1901.

Several monarchs were buried in France. William I was buried at the Abbaye-aux-Hommes in Caen in the 11th century, while Henry II and Richard I were interred at the Abbaye Royale de Fontevraud near Tours in the 12th century. Matilda, who tried to claim the throne from her cousin Stephen in 1141, was buried at the Cathédrale de Notre-Dame de Rouen.

James II was laid to rest at the Church of the English Benedictines in Paris in 1688, but his body was desecrated and lost during the French Revolution. George I was also buried overseas on his death in 1727, lying at the Herrenhausen Gardens in his native Hanover in Germany.

Richard III was buried in 1485 in a friary church in Greyfriars, Leicester. The location was famously lost before his bones were found beneath a car park in the city in 2012. He now lies in Leicester Cathedral.

Edward VIII, who lived in Paris at the time of his death in 1972 having abdicated the throne in 1936, was buried at the Royal Burial Ground at Frogmore in Windsor.

News Queen Elizabeth II

At the 11th hour mourners race for a place in queue

Fariha Karim, Kieran Gair

At 10.41pm last night, it came to an end. The queue to see the Queen lying in state closed to new entrants after hundreds of people raced to pay their respects before her coffin is moved at 6.30am today for her funeral.

Many had hugged and kissed and said "we've done it" as they were handed the wristbands that guaranteed entry to Westminster Hall yesterday.

Caroline MacIntyre, 70, was out of breath and had "scrambled" to get to London Bridge from Barking in east London after testing negative for Covid-19 yesterday afternoon. She said: "I would've come much earlier, but obviously I wasn't in the best shape and didn't want to leave the house until I was testing negative."

John Bradford, 51, cheered as he approached the entrance and said: "I'd hoped to be here hours earlier, but time tends to get away from me when I'm in the pub."

Carly Bedford arrived at 7.45pm, her two teenage daughters trailing behind her. "I've left it to the last minute because I thought the line would be more manageable on the last night," she said. "I also didn't fancy a 13-hour wait overnight with these two."

All had set off despite advice from the Department for Culture, Media and Sport not to make the journey because of queuing times, which had stretched to the best part of a day, or even two, over the past five days.

At midday yesterday the estimated wait was 14 hours. By 2pm it had dropped to 11 and a half hours, prompting more arrivals. By 7pm last night it was eight hours. By 7.30pm civil servants were conceding privately that there may not need to be any announcement about the end of the queue, because it seemed to be shortening and quickening. Maybe everyone who wanted to join could.

Ushers help quicken pace

David Brown

Ushers urged mourners past the Queen's coffin and arrangements for the ceremonial guard were amended to squeeze more people into the final hours of the lying in state.

Waiting times reached 25 hours on Saturday night, with the queue stretching five miles along the Thames. On Thursday the House of Lords' authorities doubled the number of lines passing the coffin in Westminster Hall to four.

The changing of the ceremonial guard around the coffin — during which the line of mourners is halted — was extended from 20 minutes to 30 minutes on Saturday. The schedule returned to normal after several hours amid concerns that some of the guards were struggling. However, the time taken for the changeover appeared to have been reduced by about half, with fewer pauses during the ceremony.

Underneath Tower Bridge last night at the end of the queue stewards were calling out: "Wristbands here! Join this queue for your wristband, please!"

Sister Funmi Aghomi, who was among nuns and pastors from the Brotherhood of the Cross and Star, which has churches in London, said: "We've come to pay our respects to Her Majesty the Queen and we cherish her. She has done a lot for people of all nations."

"We will stay in the queue for as much as God gives us the ability to stay here. Some of us may go inside to see her, some of us may not. Some will drop out. But we have seen some elderly ones who made it to the end, so we hope many of us will. It's about endurance and patience."

One of her colleagues tried to hand over a leaflet about their church, but she was quickly silenced and told: "We're not supposed to do that here." The sister said that they would spend their time "talking, making friends and sharing the word of God between ourselves".

On Saturday St John Ambulance said 259 people in the queue had needed medical support. Overall 403 people in the "ceremonial areas" of London needed medical help on Saturday, including 19 who were taken to hospital.

Food confiscated from people because it was not allowed in Westminster Hall was donated to the Felix Project. It estimated that it would collect more than two tonnes of food, mainly snacks such as crisps, chocolate and biscuits. It says its mission is to deliver surplus fresh and nutritious food to charities and schools "so they can provide healthy meals and help the most vulnerable".

Last night the culture department said the queue "is at final capacity and is now closed to new entrants".

The final mourner will view the coffin at 6.30am today ahead of the state funeral.



Overwhelmed Green Park shuts gates

Kieran Gair

People hoping to dodge the queue at Westminster Hall were faced instead by another long queue near Buckingham Palace yesterday after Green Park was temporarily closed.

Thousands of mourners were turned away from the park in central London after the size of the crowd overwhelmed police and stewards.

Those who joined the queue included former army nurse Margaret Pritchard, 73, who queued with her sister for three hours only to be told they would not be able to enter Green Park from Piccadilly to pay their respects.

She said: "They closed the park with no warning and we weren't told until we got to the front of queue. It was just absolute chaos."

Just before 1.30pm yesterday police and stewards began informing people that a dedicated site in Green Park set up for people to pay their respects to the Queen had closed.

However, the announcement made little difference to those determined to pay tribute to the Queen. Some people carrying bouquets of flowers were seen jumping over a wall in a final attempt to



So many mourners brought flowers to Green Park that it was overwhelmed

gain access to the park before the Queen's state funeral.

One man, who was filming people climbing over a wall that borders Green Park, compared the chaotic scene with the Glastonbury music festival.

Chloe Staunton, 22, a nursing student who had travelled from Manchester, said she had given up on the queue after finding it was not moving for about half an hour and that it snaked from Green Park Underground station, down Piccadilly and towards St James's Church almost half a mile away.

She said: "It's just so disappointing because I've travelled quite far and I need to go back home tomorrow, so

now I won't have a chance to experience what's a really big historical moment."

When the park's gates closed shortly before 1.30pm, people began creating unofficial queues, hoping it would be reopened.

Elise Laurent, who had travelled from Paris on a school excursion, said that her group had just missed entry into Green Park. "We tried to get in through multiple spots, but the crowds were just crazy and security people were everywhere," she said. "It was quite chaotic."

The Green Park Floral Tribute Garden is the principal location for laying flowers near Buckingham Palace. The huge amount of flowers that have been left in the vicinity of the palace have been moved at the end of each day to the Green Park site. Hyde Park was opened on Tuesday as an alternative tribute site.

A Royal Parks spokeswoman said a "temporary hold" had been placed on the gates, adding: "The parks have been exceptionally busy and we've advised that those wishing to lay flowers in tribute may also visit the dedicated floral tribute garden in Hyde Park."

Vandal scrawls tax message across town's majestic mural

David Sanderson Arts Correspondent

A mural of the Queen in Somerset that moved people to tears has been defaced within 24 hours of being unveiled.

The words "pay inheritance tax" were scrawled on Sam Gaden's tribute to the Queen on the side of a house in Taunton. One of the Queen's teeth also was painted black.

Gaden, a graffiti artist, said he would repair the damaged picture, which is more than 11ft high and 8ft wide, and would try to protect it with Perspex. "I am not necessarily massively pro-royal, but she is part of Great Britain, part of our history," he said.

"And people want to mourn. I have had people coming down very emotional. One lady was crying and another man was in tears. He said he couldn't get to London. It's just a shame, really."

Gaden had been in a traffic jam in the town when he noticed the isolated house wall, which he thought was perfect for his artwork. The home's owner was delighted, he said, and a local shop

provided the paint. It took two days to finish, the artist said.

David Shepherd, who lives in the town, said it was sad that the mural had been vandalised within 24 hours of being completed. "It's just a shame it's been tarnished by a bitter minority," he said.

Yesterday some Celtic football supporters chanted throughout a minute's applause in memory of the Queen at the start of a Scottish Premiership game against St Mirren in Paisley. Some fans chanted: "If you hate the royal family, clap your hands." A banner containing the same phrase was displayed in the away end. Ange Postecoglou, the Celtic manager, previously had expressed the club's wish that fans be "respectful" during any tributes. Celtic lost the match 2-0.

The Glasgow club became the subject of Uefa disciplinary proceedings after supporters displayed a banner saying "F*** the Crown" during Wednesday's Champions League draw with Shakhtar Donetsk, the Ukrainian side, which was played in Poland.

Stars of US news jet in for historic broadcast

Hugh Tomlinson Washington

The Queen's funeral is set to become the most-watched television broadcast of all time, with more than four billion viewers.

In the United States, every big news broadcaster will cover the event live, with many flying their top presenters to London and clearing their schedules to make way for rolling coverage from Westminster Abbey, where world leaders including President Biden will pay their respects.

The pageantry and glamour of the British monarchy has always been a focus of fascination in America, drawing obsessive and sometimes fawning media coverage. The Queen's death has been no exception, with days of tributes and exhaustive coverage building up to today's event.

As in Britain, many American television networks have had plans in place for years for the Queen's death. After the announcement from Buckingham Palace ten days ago, a vast transatlantic operation has swung into action, with heavyweights of American daytime news shows jetting to London to provide coverage.

On ABC, *Good Morning America* host Robin Roberts and *World News* anchor David Muir will lead the channel's coverage from 5.30am in America, heading a team of more than a dozen correspondents and contributors. The channel has beefed up its coverage with punditry from British "royal experts", including Andrew Morton, Princess Diana's biographer; Ailsa Anderson, former press secretary to the Queen and Prince Philip; and Peter Westmacott, the diplomat and former aide to King Charles.

Other channels begin their broadcasts even earlier. Fox News launches its coverage from London at 4am and MSNBC at 3am. On CNN, seasoned commentators and correspondents such as Christiane Amanpour and Clarissa Ward will join anchors Anderson Cooper and Erin Burnett.

Most broadcasters have added British pundits to their line-up for the day. Wesley Kerr, a former BBC royal correspondent, joins CBS News; Andrew Roberts, the historian, will contribute to NBC News; Piers Morgan, the TalkTV host, joins Fox; and Trisha Goddard will provide analysis on CNN.

For American viewers seeking the same coverage as the UK, PBS will show the BBC's uninterrupted coverage of the funeral from 4am.

In Washington, the British embassy will host an event screening the funeral for British citizens in the US capital and invited guests, hosted by Karen Pierce, the ambassador. British nationals across the US will host screening parties beginning in the early hours.

Many broadcasters have long-term agreements in place on where their journalists will be placed for signature events in Britain. NBC News, for example, will use the location it had for Charles's first wedding in 1981 and Prince William's marriage in 2011.

Princess Diana's funeral in 1997 was watched by 33million viewers on a Saturday morning in the US. Today's funeral could top that figure.

"The Brits do pomp and circumstance like no others," Tom Mazzarelli, the executive producer of NBC's *Today* show, said.



Early morning yesterday and it was getting a little chilly in the queue at The Queen's Walk near Tower Bridge. Blankets handed out by marshals and flasks of tea warmed those with hours to wait. Later in the day the final wristbands

allowing entry to Westminster Hall were handed out, with a rush of last-minute mourners joining the line. This family, below, bagged a spot on the Mall in the hope of seeing today's funeral procession



Nation falls silent for moment of reflection

Charlie Parker

Britain fell silent last night as millions mourned the death of the Queen.

Many stood on their doorsteps, lit candles and held community vigils at 8pm after being invited by the prime minister to take part in a national moment of reflection.

Liz Truss led the country from Downing Street, appearing at the door with her husband to observe the minute's silence.

A small crowd of people in the queue for the Queen's lying in state stopped near London Bridge and bowed their heads to observe the national minute's silence, then applauded as it finished. Dozens of Metropolitan Police officers also assembled beside mourners and later sang the national anthem.

A technical issue prevented Big Ben from striking before and after the silence as planned. A spokesman for the Palace of Westminster said that it would be resolved for today.

In Scotland, a service of reflection was held at the Kelpies sculptures near Falkirk, where 96 lanterns — one to represent each year of the Queen's life



People across the country lit candles or gathered together to pay tribute

— were lowered into a pool at the foot of the Queen Elizabeth II Canal.

In Chester the silence was marked with a vigil in Town Hall Square, where more than 100 people gathered to pay their respects by lighting candles.

At Hillsborough Castle, in Co Down, hundreds stood with their heads lowered in front of flowers left at the gates of Northern Ireland's royal residence. In Belfast they gathered for a short service at West Belfast Orange Hall.

In Wolverhampton, the local council urged mourners to gather at St Peter's Collegiate Church. It said the space could be used for "people to take time to reflect and light a candle".

Images of personal tributes to the Queen from homes and community spaces across the country were shared across social media platforms.

Care workers at Weldmar Hospice-care in Dorset lit candles to mark the occasion, saying that they "experience grief each day but we also know the importance of celebrating life, and the legacy someone leaves behind".

Moments before silence swept across the country, a pre-recorded tribute by the Queen Consort, was broadcast by the BBC in which she spoke of the Queen's strength as a "solitary woman" in "a male-dominated world".

After the silence Justin Welby, the Archbishop of Canterbury, broadcast his meditation for the Queen.

"Tonight we move into the final watches of the night, as we wait for tomorrow's final goodbye," he said on BBC Radio 4. "There will be many, tonight, who reflect ahead of tomorrow; there will be many already on duty, pre-

paring. There will be many who work tonight, caring for others, because life goes on, and hospitals and care homes and many other parts of our life still need attending too. There will be many who watch loved ones in pain or illness, and many who weep for those they have lost, or are afraid of losing.

"For those who wake, or work, or watch or weep tonight, we know and ask that God watches with them."

The archbishop said the Queen "embodied something not simply of our nation, but of our humanity", adding that her death "brings us face to face with the reality of human fragility and mortality". He continued: "She was not simply a concept or an idea of the British State. She was a person, representing all the persons who make up this country, and their dreams and efforts towards the common good.

"She reflected our humanity back to us: she belonged to a complex family whom she loved; she worked and strove to discharge her duties; she grieved for those she loved; she responded to life around her, to people and events; and over time, she came to embody the frailty that comes with age."



Painting pictures in the sky The annual Firework Championships, held this year at Ragley Hall in Alcester, west Warwickshire, were won by The Art of Sparks

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Arrests over boy's death

The police have arrested five people after the death of a 17-year-old boy who was heard screaming for help in the garden of a house in Rochdale on Saturday morning. Callum Ripley died of serious injuries despite efforts to save him. Greater Manchester Police said three men, aged 18, 25 and 33, were arrested on suspicion of murder. A 23-year-old woman was arrested on suspicion of assisting an offender. Another woman, 21, was arrested and released.

Dockers striking today

Hundreds of dock workers will strike for two weeks from tonight in a dispute over pay. Unite members at the Port of Liverpool will walk out hours after the Queen's funeral. The Peel Ports Group, which runs the port, said workers had rejected an 8.3 per cent pay rise with a one-off payment of £750. Unite said it was a real-terms pay cut.

Climber killed in fall

A man in his fifties fell to his death while climbing a cliff near the Dancing Ledge on the Isle of Purbeck in Dorset on Saturday afternoon. Another climber was rescued by a lifeboat crew but was not badly injured. Two helicopters, lifeboats and three cliff rescue teams were scrambled to the area. The police are investigating.

Most altruistic, bar none

A charity fundraiser is claiming to have set a new world record after he had a drink in 67 pubs in 17 hours. Nathan Crimp, 22, from Brighton, said that it was the hardest thing he had ever done. "The plan was to try and keep it sober for the first 25 pubs, but that went out the window 15 pubs in," said Crimp, who has so far raised £460 for the Dogs Trust.

Find God for better sex

People who hold strong religious beliefs are happier with their sex lives, according to a new study in the *Journal of Sex Research*. Researchers at the University of Exeter said it could be because they have "lower expectations" of sex outside marriage. The more disapproving men and women were of casual sex, the higher their own sexual satisfaction.

Catholics are biggest faith group in Northern Ireland

The demographic shift is historic but it may not mean what was once assumed, writes Tom Ball in Belfast

When a journalist put it to him in 2001 that republicans in Northern Ireland should bide their time and wait for higher birth rates among Catholics to deliver a united Ireland, Gerry Adams, the leader of Sinn Féin, scoffed at the idea, saying: "Outbreeding unionists may be an enjoyable pastime for those who have the energy, but it hardly amounts to a political strategy."

Twenty-one years later, with the prospect of Catholics outnumbering Protestants very real, the idea does not seem so ludicrous. When the long-awaited results of the 2021 census are published next week, they are expected to show that Catholics are the largest religious group in Northern Ireland, for the first time since partition.

This would be a result of historic significance, given that Northern Ireland, which was created in 1921, was designed to have a permanent Protestant, unionist majority of roughly two thirds of the population.

That balance has been changed by bigger families in Catholic communities. By 2011, when the last census was taken, the Protestant population had fallen to 48 per cent and the Catholic population had risen to 45 per cent.

Despite the generally warm welcome extended to King Charles this week

when he visited Belfast — where he met Michelle O'Neill, the vice-president of Sinn Féin — the challenge to the union posed by this demographic shift is clear: Catholics are traditionally considered to be in favour of a united Ireland.

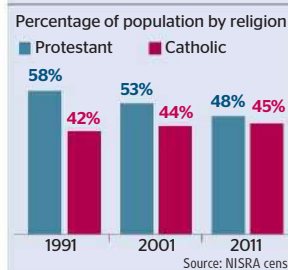
Sinn Féin, once the political wing of the IRA, became in May the biggest party in Northern Ireland. It has called for a debate on reunification that it hopes will lead to a referendum, known as a border poll. A party-led public consultation on the future of Ireland is due to be held in Belfast next month.

And yet, Northern Ireland's is a society that is changing in more ways than one. The bonds of sectarianism that once dictated people's lives — their choice of person to marry, where to work, which party to vote for — have loosened.

Gerry Carroll, a Stormont assembly member representing West Belfast for People Before Profit — one of a growing number of non-sectarian parties — said: "If the majority of people here are no longer Protestant it is obviously an important moment and one that will bring increased calls for the changing of the constitutional arrangement on the island. But I think it would be a mistake to say that, based solely on demographics, the conversation around reunification can be automatically won, because not everybody who's classed as a Catholic, or from a 'nationalist' community would automatically vote for a united Ireland."

The community in which a person was brought up no longer determines their view on Northern Ireland's constitutional arrangement, and a growing number of people are not avowedly

Religion in Northern Ireland



either unionist or nationalist. At the Stormont elections this year non-sectarian parties took about a fifth of the seats. The Alliance party won nine more seats and increased its share of the vote by 4.5 percentage points. Sinn Féin, by contrast, increased its vote share by only 1.1 points, and the Democratic Unionist Party's share fell.

Peter Sheridan, chief executive of Co-operation Ireland, who helped to broker the 2012 handshake between the Queen and Martin McGuinness, a former IRA commander, said: "For the first time there is a substantial number of people in the middle, who, whatever day a border poll happens, will make decisions based on good health, good education and good job prospects."

"The last 100 years required a Protestant majority to secure the union. If the census is as it is expected to be, for it to be secured another 100 years a much wider majority will be required."

Adam Quigley-Nixon, 26, is of the generation that grew up after the 1998

Good Friday agreement and for whom religious identity and tribalism no longer make up the keystones of political convictions. In the May elections, his three votes all went to non-sectarian parties — People Before Profits, the Alliance Party, and the Green Party.

"The main issue at the minute is the cost of living crisis," he said. "Whether you're a unionist or whether you're a nationalist, whether you're Catholic or a Protestant, you're still suffering from this cost of living crisis as much as the next person. You're still getting a letter from Firms telling you that your rates are going up every month."

Quigley-Nixon grew up in a Catholic family on the Creggan estate in Londonderry, historically a nationalist stronghold, where in 2019 the journalist Lyra McKee was shot dead by the New IRA. Despite his background, Quigley-Nixon said that he was open-minded on the constitutional question of unionism or reunification.

"If you put a border poll in front of me now I probably wouldn't know what to vote for," he said. "I would be for a united Ireland if it is sold to me properly. And I'm willing to listen to somebody sell the union to me."

Katherine Littlewood, 31, from a Protestant family in south Belfast, said that she had no strong feelings either way, even though most of her relatives were "die-hard royals fanatics".

"I think people become attached to an idea even if it's not what's good for them or for the people around them," she said. "There comes a time when you have to look around you and see what will actually make life better. Digging in gets us nowhere."

MP condemns trans woman's victory in hospital changing room case

Jonathan Ames Legal Editor

A ruling that an NHS manager discriminated against a transgender employee by asking if they took off their underwear in a women's changing room has "deeply worrying" implications, an MP has said.

The worker, who was born a man, successfully sued Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust for gender reassignment discrimination in July. Employment judges heard that a manager had questioned the employee

after concerns were raised that they had been naked from the waist down in the women's changing room.

Sarah-Jane Davies, the tribunal judge, said in the ruling: "This was a communal changing room with a shower cubicle. [It did not seem] likely that there would have been a concern about a cisgender woman in a state of undress while changing in such a changing room." The ruling means the trans woman will be entitled to damages, which will be allocated later.

The claimant, who resigned from the

trust last year, also claimed that colleagues had described her as a "bloke with a dick pretending to be a woman" and had left an offensive note in her locker, but these claims were dismissed by the panel, which said she had a tendency to misremember detail.

Miriam Cates, the Conservative MP for Penistone and Stocksbridge, wrote to Kirsten Major, the chief executive of the hospitals trust, pointing out that she had a "narrow window" of time to appeal against the ruling. The trust chose not to appeal, however, and Cates

told *The Times* that "the implications of this judgment, and the failure to challenge it, are deeply worrying".

In her letter to hospital bosses, Cates said it had emerged during the hearing that the trust had "instructed" biological women employees that they had "to deny reality in order to be inclusive and keep their jobs". She asked: "Why are women being re-educated to suppress their natural and understandable discomfort about being forced to share intimate facilities with a man?"

The Equality and Human Rights

Commission said it was aware of concern about the tribunal judgment. "We are interested in clarifying the law where rights between different protected characteristics overlap," the commission said.

Employment tribunal decisions are decided on their individual facts and are not binding on subsequent cases.

Cates said women "need to be free to report concerns to employers and be listened to".

The trust did not respond to a request for comment.

Kenyans aim to be toast of the wine world cup

Having long dominated Olympic distance running, Kenya has marshalled its finest oenological talent to compete in the wine world's equivalent (Jane Flanagan writes).

The sommelier squad from east Africa also will be the first all-woman line-up to take on the best of the best in next month's world blind tasting championship in the Champagne region of France.

A sense of intimidation would be understandable, given that the 30 other nations represented have rich cultures of wine-drinking and grape-growing that for some stretch back millennia.

However, all the Kenyans have internationally recognised sommelier qualifications and their coach, Victoria Mulu-Munywoki, makes a virtue of their rookie status, arguing that the "wine virgins" who tasted wine only when well into adulthood



could be at an advantage.

"Some of the team have only had wine in their lives for a few years, which also means our palates are fresh.

Alcohol fatigue is a real thing," she said.

The competition in Aj will be the first trip out of Kenya for two of the group. "We mostly had the traditional

childhoods of African girls who were expected to take on a lot of roles while our brothers had their feet up," Mulu-Munywoki said, "but going to the market and

doing the cooking has given us senses that are very attuned. We are also used to working harder for things."

A daily training regime has drawn on the

discipline of its national athletes, with a deliberately bland diet designed to protect the team's taste buds. Their remoteness from the oenology epicentre —

Kenya's sommelier squad, coached by Victoria Mulu-Munywoki, far right, will be the first all-woman team to enter the world blind tasting championship

Kenya has only one commercial vineyard — has been bridged with donations from Nairobi's wine importers and "burying our heads in the books". YouTube videos featuring the team's heroine, Jancis Robinson, the British wine writer, have "become our Bible", the coach said.

Two other African teams will be in Champagne: South Africa, which has a French coach, and Zimbabwe, which fields the competition's only all-black team. At the most recent event before the pandemic, South Africa finished tenth and Zimbabwe was four places further back.

Worrying where Kenya finishes on its first outing in the Olympics of wine is not spoiling the team's palate, however.

"We get to taste some amazing wines with the best in our field and see some French vineyards we have only ever read about or seen on television," Mulu-Munywoki said. "There is nothing bad that can possibly happen."

Nasa rover finds a clue to life on Mars

Rhys Blakely Science Correspondent

A hunt by Nasa for signs of life on Mars has unearthed some of the most promising clues so far.

Rocks analysed by Nasa's Perseverance rover have been found to contain "intriguing organic compounds" which may be linked to ancient microbes.

The two samples are now prime candidates to be brought back to Earth for further analysis. They were recovered from the Jezero Crater, a feature just north of the Martian equator that is thought to have been the site of a river delta some 3.5 billion years ago.

"I think it's safe to say that these are two of the most important samples that we'll collect on this mission," said Professor David Shuster of the University of California, Berkeley.

Nasa said the molecules were "potential biosignatures", defined as "a substance or structure that could be



Perseverance has drilled cores of mud that may be returned to Earth later

evidence of past life" but that may have been produced in another, less exciting, way.

Perseverance, which landed on Mars in February 2021, is equipped with an instrument known as Sherloc — Scanning Habitable Environments with Raman & Luminescence for Organics & Chemicals. It can identify organic

compounds. However, it is not expected to provide definitive proof on whether Mars was once populated. Instead, Nasa and the European Space Agency — which includes Britain — are working on a complex mission to return the most promising samples collected by Perseverance back to Earth, where scientists will be able to examine them with more powerful tools.

"I want to emphasise: this mission is not looking for extant life — things that are alive today. Instead, we are looking into the very distant past, when Mars' climate was very different than it is today," Professor Ken Farley, who is part of the project, said. The crater was selected because "it allows us to explore an ancient habitable environment" which may have harboured life some 3.5 billion years ago, he added.

Perseverance is drilling small cores of mud and stone, which will be sealed in about 30 tubes, each roughly the size of

a cigar and is leaving them scattered over several kilometres.

The plan is for these to eventually be gathered and loaded into a rocket, which will carry them into orbit around Mars. Another spacecraft will then pick up the samples and return them to Earth. All going well, they could arrive in 2033.

"To undertake the challenge and the expense of a Mars sample-return mission, we need a great suite of rocks to bring back," Laurie Leshin, director of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California, said. "We are off to a great start."

Thomas Zurbuchen, Nasa's associate administrator for science in Washington, added: "We picked the Jezero Crater for Perseverance to explore because we thought it had the best chance of providing scientifically excellent samples, and now we know we sent the rover to the right location."

The samples were collected from an area known as Wildcat Ridge, where the Sherloc instrument registered the highest abundance of organic molecules it has encountered so far. Nasa has found similar molecules on Mars before, but those were in areas considered less likely to hold signs of life.

"In the distant past, the sand, mud, and salts that now make up the Wildcat Ridge sample were deposited under conditions where life could potentially have thrived," Farley said. "The fact that the organic matter was found in a sedimentary rock — known for preserving fossils of ancient life here on Earth — is important. However, as capable as our instruments aboard Perseverance are, further conclusions regarding what is contained in the Wildcat Ridge sample will have to wait until it's returned to Earth for in-depth study as part of the agency's Mars Sample Return campaign."

News Politics

Poorest 'will be 63p a month

Matt Dathan Home Affairs Editor

Britain's poorest three million households will be as little as 63p a month better off under Liz Truss's plans to cut national insurance contributions, while the richest will benefit by £150, according to economic analysis.

Kwasi Kwarteng, the chancellor, is expected to make good on the prime minister's pledge to scrap the increase in national insurance contributions in a mini-budget on Friday.

Reversing the 1.25 percentage point rise, implemented only in April, will be among measures intended to stimulate economic growth and could take effect as early as November.

Tom Waters, a senior research economist at the non-political Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS), said people earning more than £100,000 would benefit the most, adding that there were more progressive ways to cut taxes, such as raising the threshold at which workers paid the basic rate of income tax.

Kwarteng is said to be more persuaded towards cutting income tax by 1p, although that would still benefit the middle classes more than those on the minimum wage. The move would bring forward plans announced by the government this year to cut 1p off income tax from 2024.

Goldman Sachs, the US investment bank, said it expected Kwarteng to go further by cutting 2p from basic rate income tax.

It is understood that a final decision has yet to be taken, while a reduction in the basic rate could be deferred until a formal budget, expected in November.

The chancellor is also expected to create 12 special investment zones that could offer a discount in employer national insurance contributions for staff employed within the zones. He will use Friday's "fiscal event" to freeze corporation tax, with the total package of tax cuts expected to cost between £30 billion and £50 billion.

The Times reported on Saturday that Kwarteng was reviewing fiscal rules that require debt to fall as a proportion of national income in 2024-25 to make way for the tax cuts.

There is also expected to be a package of deregulation to stimulate a "big bang 2.0", which could include remov-

Sunak legacy brushed away

Analysis

Reversing April's 1.25 percentage point increase in national insurance contributions is the clearest way in which Liz Truss can mark a change from Rishi Sunak's time in charge of the finances (Matt Dathan writes).

Truss will hope that the move will act as a catalyst for the decisive and bold action that she and Kwasi Kwarteng, her chancellor, want to be known for.

Economists, however, say that the proposal is neither the most efficient, effective nor fairest way in which to cut taxes.

So why is Truss shunning the orthodoxy that has ruled tax policy over the past couple of decades, which has focused on progressive outcomes?

Because as she said on the eve of becoming prime minister: "To look at everything through the lens of redistribution, I believe is wrong."

Truss also said she wanted to change the colour of the looking glass for Treasury officials.

"What I'm about, is about growing the economy. And growing the economy benefits everyone," she told the BBC.

Now in government, this approach has been drummed into government officials already.

While the tax policies we see at the mini-budget on Friday may not be the most efficient, they tell us loud and clear what the government is about: growing the economy whatever the expense.

The tax cuts to be announced will come on top of government support to help households with soaring energy costs, with details expected on Wednesday.

ing the cap on bankers' bonuses, slashing environmental protections that make it hard to build on some types of land, and scrapping plans to prevent supermarkets advertising multibuy deals on junk food.

However, the IFS analysis of Truss's existing plans has revealed the extent to which the move will disproportionately benefit richer households.

The richest tenth of households, which earn an average of £108,000, will save £1,800 on their annual tax bill, equivalent to £150 a month. In contrast, the poorest 10 per cent of households, who on average earn £12,000, will save only £7.66 — 63p a month or 14p a week.

Those in households with the average UK household income of £31,400 will save about £250 a year, or £20 a month. Households with an income of £55,000 will save about £700 a year, or £58 a month, while households on £23,000 will benefit by about £73 a month, according to the IFS.

Waters said that while tax cuts would always benefit richer households over the poorest, there were fairer ways in which Truss could cut taxes. "Reversing the recent NICs [national insurance contributions] rise would tend to benefit richer households more than poorer ones, even as a share of their income," he said. "The richest tenth, for example, would gain about £1,800 per year, or 1.7 per cent of their income, and the poorest tenth about £7 per year, less than 0.1 per cent of their income."

Tony Wilson, director of the Institute for Employment Studies, said the plans were a "tax giveaway to relatively high earners" and risked higher inflation. "The worry among Bank of England and Treasury officials will be that the move is more inflationary than a more targeted subsidy or tax cut."

He urged the Treasury to spend the billions of pounds set aside but unused during the pandemic to stave off long-term unemployment, which never transpired, so as to attract tens of thousands of over-50s back into work.

No10 and the Treasury have said Friday's "fiscal event" will be focused on creating economic growth. Kwarteng is "prepared to be bold" and "prepared to have the argument", sources said.

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Priti Patel and Suella Braverman have very different styles, say civil servants at

Fracking is no quick fix to gas prices, adviser warns

Adam Vaughan

Liz Truss should "look at the facts" on fracking, which will be too costly and will provide no quick relief from the energy crisis, one of her most senior climate change advisers has said.

The prime minister promised this month to lift a three-year-old ban on fracking for shale gas, claiming it could "get gas flowing in as soon as six months".

This week, officials are expected to publish a review by the British Geological Survey of evidence on fracking, in a prelude to what shale gas companies hope will be a change in rules around the earthquakes that hobbled previous attempts at fracking.

However, Lord Deben, chairman of the Climate Change Committee, which advises ministers on how best to meet carbon targets, said a reality check was needed on extracting shale gas. "My only advice [to Truss] is one has to look at the facts. The facts are that you have to deal with fracking in an environmentally sensible way or otherwise you have serious results," he said.

Fracking last took place in England in 2019 at a site near Blackpool, Lanc-

Behind the story

Fracking, or hydraulic fracturing, involves pumping water and chemicals at high pressure to fracture rock and release natural gas (Adam Vaughan writes). The technique has revolutionised oil and gas production in the United States, playing a key role in the country becoming a net energy exporter in 2019.

In Britain, firms

have failed to supply any shale gas to homes or businesses despite nearly a decade of trying.

Fracking came to wider public attention in 2011 when a small earthquake was recorded near Blackpool after work by Cuadrilla Resources, an oil and gas explorer.

Despite David Cameron promising as prime minister to go "all out" for shale gas, fracking did not

get under way until Cuadrilla started in 2018, defying strong local opposition.

However, it was regulations on seismic activity, which the nascent shale industry had agreed to, rather than protests that hamstrung fracking. Operations had to stop if they caused a 0.5 magnitude tremor; at one point in 2019, Cuadrilla triggered a 2.9 magnitude quake. Fracking was banned months later.

ashire. Operations were halted repeatedly when limits on seismic activity were breached. A leaked copy of the British Geological Survey review said predicting such earthquakes "remains a challenge".

Deben, the former John Gummer, an

ex-Conservative environment minister, said his group of independent advisers had never suggested a blanket ban on fracking but had put forward several conditions for it to go ahead. Aside from handling the environmental impact, he said fracking would

be "very expensive" and would not make any difference to soaring gas prices.

"Some people I've heard say, 'Because the price of gas is so high, we've got to get more gas from fracking.' The price of gas isn't fixed by whether we get it out of British fields or the North Sea, the price of gas is set internationally," he said. "If you're really trying to deal with the cost of living crisis, these are not the solutions."

The crown estate manages the sea bed and about half the foreshore around England, Wales and Northern Ireland, and invests in offshore wind, cables, pipelines and carbon storage.

Kwasi Kwarteng, Truss's chancellor, echoed that view in February when, as business secretary, he said fracking firms "won't sell shale gas to UK consumers below the market price. They're not charities."

According to UK Onshore Oil and Gas, a trade body, five companies are considering fracking. However, Deben said a growing momentum away from fossil fuels since previous attempts to frack in the UK meant the "world has changed" and firms risked ending up with worthless "stranded assets".

He said that while fracking would bring no immediate relief to household energy bills, measures to improve the energy efficiency of homes would.

The biggest challenge for Truss was how to present the cost of living challenge as an opportunity for a "win-win" that would tackle climate change, too, he said. Speeding up the deployment of renewable energy and helping homes to use less energy would help both, in his view.

Deben also said extreme weather that hit Britain during the summer, including record 40C temperatures, was a reminder that the country needed to adapt faster to a warming world. "This happened when we've only had just over 1C of warming," he said. "At the moment, we are heading for something over 3C of warming."

A government spokesman said: "Making the most of our own gas resources makes us less dependent on imports and helps maintain the security of the UK's energy supply in both the short and long term."

Drawing on lessons from around the world, we will make sure it is done as safely as possible and where there is local support."

richer' under Truss tax plans



the Home Office who welcomed the new minister. One Tory MP said of Braverman: "She's as rightwing as Priti but cleverer"

Braverman launches charm offensive on Home Office staff

Matt Dathan

Suella Braverman has made a deliberate attempt to reach out to Home Office staff to mark a "clean break" from Priti Patel's "challenging" tenure, staff have told *The Times*.

The new home secretary had "said some nice things about wellbeing", one member of staff said. Another said she was "open to listening to advice" and was "very good news for the department".

Civil servants at the department have contrasted her "very different personality" with her predecessor, noting how she had "gone out of her way" to show that she would respect them.

Patel's three years at the Home Office was marred by bullying allegations that led to the departure of Sir Philip Rutnam, the department's former permanent secretary. A Cabinet Office inquiry concluded in November 2020 that Patel had breached the ministerial code, although she escaped being sacked after Boris Johnson refused to accept the findings.

Patel denied the bullying claims.

Despite being cleared by the prime minister, senior Conservatives believe the episode permanently damaged her working relationship with civil servants in the department.

Morale was said to have reached "rock bottom" after the Home Office's failed attempt to fly migrants to Rwanda, with some staff anonymously protesting against the policy in an internal Q&A, with one staff member comparing it with Nazi Germany.

While Braverman is determined to implement the Rwanda policy, having told staff she intends to "double down" on the plans, MPs who know her believe she will be more effective at

pushing through radical and controversial reforms through the Home Office "machine" than Patel.

One of her allies in parliament said Braverman did not have the "baggage" that her predecessor bore after the bullying allegations.

The Conservative MP said: "She's as rightwing as Priti, but cleverer. Priti was affected by her experience at the Home Office over the Rutnam thing — a lot of baggage . . . Once that happened, she was always in a difficult situation because why would the Home Office want her to succeed? [Braverman] is not unaware of the scale of that problem, though. She's very aware that she'll have to be very decisive in order to get what she wants done."

Braverman set out her priorities as home secretary in a speech on her first full day in the job almost a fortnight ago. She said tackling the migrant crisis in the Channel was one of her top three priorities, telling staff she was going to "develop some obsessions".

"This is not just a manifesto pledge, people are dying," she told an all-staff event. She said the government must take a "firmer line" against people smugglers.

She said her other main priorities would be making the streets safer through a back-to-basics approach to crime and counterterrorism.

Braverman has indicated to allies that she wants to substantially increase the use of detention facilities to house Channel migrants as one of a range of measures to combat the soaring numbers arriving on the Kent coast.

Almost 30,000 migrants have arrived this year, a new annual record after surpassing 2021's 28,526 tally earlier this month. Almost 5,000 have arrived in September alone.

Labour delegates to sing national anthem

Matt Dathan

Delegates will break with tradition next weekend and will sing the national anthem at the start of the Labour Party conference in Liverpool.

Sir Keir Starmer, the party's leader, has approved the plan despite concerns that some delegates may boo and overshadow the start of a crucial four days.

He will open the conference on Sunday with a tribute to the Queen and there may be a minute's silence before the anthem is sung.

It is the latest move to mark a clear change from the four-year leadership of Jeremy Corbyn, who was criticised for not singing the anthem and whose republican campaigning was seen to have cost the party support.

Starmer wrote a tribute to the Queen's "70 glorious years" in *The Mail on Sunday*, saying that her death "robs us of the nation's stillest point, its most steady influence, at a time when so much seems to be in flux".

However, the decision to sing the anthem came after hours of discussions among senior party officials over how it would be received. One member of the shadow cabinet criticised the indecision, saying: "I know the Labour Party

is bad, but we're not so bad you have to tell us not to boo the national anthem a week or so after the Queen died."

Labour and Conservative conferences are going ahead, but the Liberal Democrats cancelled theirs, which was due to take place this week in Brighton.

On Friday Clive Lewis, the Labour MP for Norwich South, defied Starmer's orders to avoid criticising the royal family or expressing republican sentiments before the Queen's funeral. Lewis said the notion of monarchy as a symbol of duty or sacrifices was a lie and that the arrest of protesters and the "state-sanctioned cancel culture of those who dissent" showed the royal succession "is as much about coercion as consent".

Writing in *The Guardian*, he said his reaction to seeing mourners stream past the Queen's coffin was "one of bemusement followed by a touch of despair". There are fears among some in the Labour Party that while the anthem is likely to be received well in the main conference hall on Sunday, Lewis's comments may encourage delegates to speak out in fringe meetings at the party gathering.

Lewis, a republican, said the movement must understand that the key

motivation for many mourners queueing for the lying in state was not a desire to honour the monarchy or the Queen, but rather to feel a part of "something more than themselves".

Guidance was circulated to Labour MPs advising them to "suspend . . . party activity" and to make no media comments beyond tributes to the Queen. The advice was ignored by some MPs, including Richard Burgon, who criticised the government's decision to end the ban on fracking.

Lewis's criticism of the monarchy during the period of national mourning contrasted with Starmer's tributes on Sunday. "The loss of our Queen robs us of the nation's stillest point, its most steady influence, at a time when so much seems to be in flux," he wrote.

"But the response we have seen over the last week has been heartening and has reflected the nation she knew and served. Tributes in parliament were a poignant display of how — despite many disagreements — our country and our politics has far more that brings us together than divides us."

"King Charles's tour of the country has shown that while we can mourn the end of one era, we can still look forward to a new one."

No 10 chief in FBI bribery inquiry to stay in London

Matt Dathan

Liz Truss's chief of staff will not travel with her to New York today for the United Nations general assembly amid questions over his role in an FBI investigation into alleged political corruption in the United States.

Mark Fullbrook was interviewed by FBI agents as a witness relating to an alleged plot to bribe an American politician and to influence a US election, according to *The Sunday Times*.

Fullbrook's team said he was not joining Truss on her first visit to the US as prime minister for an unrelated reason — to prepare domestic announcements on the energy crisis, the NHS and tax-cutting plans. The team said he was free to travel to the US.

Fullbrook, who ran Truss's leadership campaign and has advised foreign governments and prime ministers including Boris Johnson, Margaret Thatcher and Sir John Major, was interviewed over an alleged conspiracy to subvert democracy in Puerto Rico, the US-administered Caribbean island. Prosecutors have said those respon-

sible had "eroded the confidence of citizens in their institutions of governance".

Fullbrook, 60, was made a formal subject of a Department of Justice and FBI investigation this year. In April the FBI asked the National Crime Agency and the Metropolitan Police to help to secure his attendance at a formal



Mark Fullbrook is co-operating with the FBI as a witness

interview, the newspaper reported. His company was forced to hand over hundreds of sensitive emails. Fullbrook has signed an agreement to co-operate.

The inquiry centres on an alleged bribe by Julio Herrera Velutini, 50, an international banker and Conservative donor who lives in Mayfair. He allegedly promised Puerto Rico's governor \$300,000 for a re-election campaign if she sacked a financial regulator.

Couple hail victory in £1m battle to save Broads

Court backs campaign to stop farmers taking water from precious East Anglian wetlands. Rhys Blakely reports

When Tim and Geli Harris bought Catfield Hall in Norfolk nearly 30 years ago, they didn't acquire just a family home — they decided they had also taken on a duty to defend one of the world's rarest habitats.

Now in their seventies, the couple — who have spent about £1million on lawyers and scientific studies over more than a decade — have won a High Court ruling that promises to stop farmers taking water from the most ecologically precious parts of the Norfolk Broads.

The judicial review calls for the Environment Agency to examine hundreds of licences that at present allow water abstraction from protected areas of the Broads and its mosaic of marsh, fen, woodland, rivers and lakes that are recognised as internationally important for wildlife.

The ruling says the agency can issue licences only where there is “no possibility of the deterioration of protected habitats”. It adds that for most of the Broads, the public body has failed to meet this obligation.

It also confirmed that a key European nature conservation law, the Habitats Directive, remains in force, despite Britain leaving the European Union. The directive is now set to be at the centre of a wider fight over UK wildlife protections, as the government intends to make it part of a “bonfire” of EU regulations promised by Liz Truss, the new prime minister.

“Scrapping the Habitats Directive and the precautionary principle it contains would be an enormously retrograde step,” Tim Harris said. “It’s a fundamental foundation of environ-

mental law in this country. To get rid of it without thinking through the implications would be reckless. I can't believe that it would have the support of the British population.”

The couple's battle began in 2008 when a local naturalist sat at their kitchen table and told them that Catfield Fen, which sits next to their home, was dying. The fen, of which they own 100 acres, lies in the Ant Valley, northeast of Norwich. Home to protected species including the swallowtail butterfly and the fen orchid, it is a calcareous fen — a rare type of wetland characterised by its alkaline groundwater. More than 2,500 species have been recorded here.

According to Geli Harris, it is as precious as any rain-forest, but over the decades the couple have seen it deteriorate. She finds it hard to watch documentary footage from the 1990s.

“You see how vibrant the wildlife was,” she said. “The water was clear, we had more butterflies. We still see geese flying over — I love to see them — but there are now just a few. There used to be masses.”

On a recent sunny morning, the dragonflies were out in force. However, patches of the fen are now carpeted by a springy layer of sphagnum moss, a plant that thrives in acidic conditions. It shouldn't be here, but the habitat has altered as a result of the alkaline groundwater being pumped away, largely to irrigate vegetable crops in one of Britain's driest regions.

Time is running out to save the fen. The RSPB measured a 50 per cent decline of calcareous fen in the area between 1991 and 2015. The High Court judicial review said it was “in



The ruling won by Geli and Tim Harris should help to protect wildlife such as the swallowtail butterfly



danger of disappearance”.

After the Harrises first raised concerns about falling water levels in 2008, two licences to take water from Catfield Fen were withdrawn by the Environment Agency in 2015. After the National Farmers' Union appealed against that decision, the couple won a public enquiry in 2016.

“That was a seminal case: it demonstrated the connection between water abstraction and ecological damage,” Tim Harris said. The agency then studied the ecological health of the valley in which Catfield Fen lies. “Just about everywhere they looked they found trouble, which they could relate to abstraction.”

The Harrises argued that a similar analysis should be carried out for the entire Broads special area of conservation, which covers about 14,800 acres nearly. The agency refused, a decision that the High Court has now described

as “irrational” and a breach of the directive.

Penny Simpson, a partner at Freeths, the law firm that brought the case for the Harrises, said: “This is a very important court judgment ... There must now be significant and urgent work by the Environment Agency to prevent damage from water abstraction to the large Broads conservation area.”

“For England and Wales, we now know that public authorities must take appropriate steps to prevent harm to sites protected under the Habitats Directive where those public authorities are charged with the legal powers to do so. In this case, the Environment Agency regulates water abstraction activities and so it was their duty to protect the Broads' conservation areas from damage arising from water abstraction.”

Farmers argue that water abstraction is needed to grow high-value crops such as potatoes, which are farmed on dry land close to the Broads but are irrigated using water taken from the wetlands. Tim Harris disagrees. “This isn't about

food security,” he said. He believes farmers should grow cereal crops that do not need irrigation. “Should we destroy the Broads to grow salad rather than wheat?”

He added: “We are pleased with the outcome. But you must ask: why did private individuals, rather than public bodies or conservation charities, have to bring this legal case?”

Kelly Hewson-Fisher, of the National Farmers' Union, said: “We are in the process of reviewing the judgment ... It's important that any solutions to the water resource challenges we face find the right balance between food production and environmental protection.”

The agency said it had already informed 20 abstraction licence-holders in the Ant Valley that their licences must be reduced, constrained or revoked. A spokesman said: “As a result of the judgment in this case, we will now look at how we can expand our work to cover further protected sites whilst recognising the resource constraints.”

Clamour for extra homes puts brake on green belt expansion

Adam Vaughan

England's green belt has expanded for the first time in more than a decade, but the increase is expected to be short-lived because of pressure for new housing.

Land designated as green belt jumped by 1.5 per cent, or about 24,000 hectares (60,000 acres), in the year up to March the Department for Levelling Up said.

The total area under landscape protections now stands at 1.6 million hectares, leaving 12.6 per cent of the country shielded from urban sprawl.

However, the figures are not evidence of a nationwide bounceback for green belt land, and campaigners warned that they masked declines in

several parts of the country. The increase came from land around the market town of Morpeth in Northumberland, which was already effectively treated as green belt but had been awaiting formal designation.

Paul Miner at CPRE, the countryside charity, said: “We're most concerned by the continued losses in and around London. The Northumberland case is merely confirming what the working boundary had been for some years, so isn't really 'new' green belt.”

Of the 14 local authorities that made changes to green belt boundaries last year, Northumberland was the only one to increase the area. Central Bedfordshire removed 1,290 hectares, followed by Brentwood in Essex drop-

ping 430 hectares and Halton in Cheshire losing 410 hectares.

“From our perspective the main concern is really with the continued nibbling of the metropolitan green belt caused by substantial — and in our view largely unnecessary — releases in central Bedfordshire,” Miner said.

Housebuilding is forbidden on green belt apart from in exceptional circumstances, but polling has shown that younger people are far more supportive than older generations of allowing building on such land to go ahead. Rishi Sunak, the former chancellor, promised during the Conservative leadership campaign to block housebuilding on the green belt, with brownfield sites given priority instead. Local authorities



Sandy, in Central Bedfordshire, which lost 1,290 hectares of green belt land

under pressure to meet housing targets can remove land from green belt status. About 260,000 homes are proposed for greenfield land removed from the green belt, according to CPRE.

Miner said there was no reason to expect anything other than a continued nationwide decline in designated green belt next year.

A spokesman for the government said that it would continue to prioritise development on brownfield sites in towns and cities.

Rob Murfin, of Northumberland county council, said: “We are not anti-housing growth. Indeed we went beyond our government housing target of around 650 net new homes per annum, and have gone for a target of 850.”

Anxious children 'need to learn beauty adverts are not real'

Charlie Moloney

Children should be taught that beauty adverts are unrealistic, researchers said after a study suggested that most teenagers were anxious about their appearance.

Researchers found that 73 per cent of teenage girls and 69 per cent of teenage boys were self-conscious. Fifty-seven per cent of girls aged 8 to 12 and 49 per cent of boys in the same age bracket also suffered insecurity. Nearly two

thirds of parents said their child was concerned about some aspect of their appearance. A fifth of parents said their teenagers avoided certain social situations, such as being in photographs, because they were self-conscious.

Weight, skin conditions such as acne and hair were the most common insecurities, while fewer parents listed height and facial features. Nearly a fifth of parents said their teenage daughters suffered anxiety about their breasts.

The findings come from a study by

CS Mott Children's Hospital in Michigan of more than 1,650 parents with at least one child aged eight to 18.

The poll co-director, Susan Woolford, a child obesity expert, urged parents to nurture positive body and self-images in their children.

She said: "Kids are watching every time you step on that scale and sigh about needing to lose weight or point out your own perceived flaws in the mirror."

"Parents can teach their children to

be media-literate and savvy so they understand that these portrayals of the perfect body, face and look in advertisements, media and even from their own friends doesn't reflect reality."

She continued: "Children begin forming opinions about their bodies and looks at a very young age. These findings reinforce research that as kids receive unhealthy messages about societal ideals, it can lead to a poor self-image of themselves."

"Left unchecked, a preoccupation

with appearance and body dissatisfaction may lead to decreased mental health and emotional wellbeing and increase risks for eating disorders, depression and low self-esteem."

The findings also showed that parents of teenagers were more likely than parents of children aged 8 to 12 to report that their child was insecure about their appearance.

Nearly a third of parents said they had noticed their child making negative comments about their appearance.

Majestic look with a Carolean flourish

As Her Majesty's lying-in-state queue snaked its way slowly through London, others were forming in the most surprising place: fashion week. The usual scrum at the entrance to the capital's catwalks has been replaced with orderly lines (Harriet Walker writes).

Parties and presentations have been cancelled to observe the national period of mourning, leaving only a bare-bones schedule of catwalk shows yesterday. Even at those, soundtracks were adjusted, with some guest lists de-A-listed and more risqué looks abandoned. The result is something of a different mood at the event.

"Without the champagne and parties, it's all about the clothes and the creativity," said Sunil Makan, the editor of *Marie Claire*. "And if David Beckham can queue, so can we." Ida Petersson,



buying director at the luxury boutique Browns, said: "It makes for a nice change. Designers have had so much hope for this first full fashion week since the pandemic. Without all the evening events,

there's been more time to reflect on the work."

Many of yesterday's shows paid tribute to the late Queen in the form of silences and fitting quirks. At Nensi Dojaka's show, guests walked across a

carpet of the Queen's favourite lilies of the valley. Michael Halpern's first look was a billowing silk cloak and headscarf in homage. There was a new mood on the catwalk too. Clingy, body-conscious

silhouettes and ultra-low waistbands dominated, inspired by a nascent revival of trends from the turn of the millennium. Dojaka's sheer mesh mini-dresses, as worn by Rihanna and Bella Hadid, were for spring

Simone Rocha's spring 2023 collection took inspiration from mourning clothes in the late 17th century

2023 mixed in with full-length gowns and even jeans.

Bootcut trousers were so low they were reminiscent of Alexander

McQueen's Nineties "bumsters".

At Rejina Pyo, that decade's bias-cut silk shift dresses were paired with blazers. Waistcoats worn with micro-miniskirts also ticked the box of a trend that the internet is calling "Y2K fashion".

Simone Rocha meanwhile reached far further back. In a show at the Old Bailey, black tailoring with gathered and caped sleeves, and white shirting with cravats recalled the dress of those more usually found in the venue, a uniform adopted in 1685 after the death of Charles II.

She gave trenchcoats and combat trousers crinolines and panniers, overlaid bustled skirts and dresses with tulle and trimmed floral bomber jackets with ruffles.

London Fashion Week pauses today to observe the Queen's funeral. Shows will resume tomorrow.

Birders are in a flap over dark aviary

Bird watchers have criticised council officials who built a £400,000 aviary so dark that people have struggled to see inside it.

The aviary in Bournemouth is home to 200 rescued exotic birds and was billed as offering a "360 degree viewing experience". However, a double-layered metal grille, designed to protect people's fingers from the birds, prevents almost all light from entering.

Now officials have commissioned workmen to paint the mesh black to help to make the birds stand out, at a cost of £3,000. Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole council called this a "cost-effective solution".

Others have called the aviary a money pit. Diane Silva, from Bournemouth, called it a "high-security prison for birds... I'm not sure painting it black will make that much difference to the quality of the life for our feathered friends or the viewing public."

Vikki Slade, a local Liberal Democrat councillor, called the aviary a "white elephant" and said the council should demand a refund from the architects.

"Why would you spend almost half a million pounds on an aviary that people cannot even see inside?" she asked. "They've thrown money at something which is not going to attract people... Nobody has ever come to Bournemouth for the aviary."

The aviary was funded by £266,255 in public donations as well as a £150,000 community infrastructure levy from the council and the Parks Foundation, a local charity.

The council said: "After painting a trial panel in the early summer, the double layer of mesh is now being painted black with bird-safe paint to improve visibility... Visitors will be able to see the light and spacious flight cages just as the birds experience them."

MPs' bid to cut teaching linked to China

Charlie Moloney

A group of MPs are in talks with Taiwan to provide Mandarin teachers in Britain to enable the government to phase out Confucius Institutes linked to the Chinese state.

The cross-party group of politicians wants funding for Chinese-language programmes to be redirected from the Confucius classrooms to alternative programmes not linked with Beijing, according to *The Observer*.

Founded in 2004, the institutes have enrolled millions of students at more than 500 centres on six continents. On the surface, they promote Chinese culture, but they have been accused of being propaganda arms for the Chinese

Communist Party that "rewrite the realities" of its human rights abuses.

As of June 2022, the China Research Group, set up in 2020 by Tory MPs, said there were 30 such institutes operating in the UK. They offer students opportunities to learn Mandarin and to take part in cultural exchange programmes.

Mandarin became a focus for the government in 2016 when education ministers set up the Mandarin excellence programme scheme, teaching the language to more than 6,000 pupils in about 70 secondary schools.

Nick Gibb, the school standards minister at that time, said the programme, led by the University College London Institute of Education (IOE), would give pupils an "advantage" in the

workplace. Analysis from the China Research Group found that almost all UK government spending on Mandarin-language teaching at schools — at least £27 million allocated from 2015 to 2024, according to estimates — was channelled via Confucius Institutes.

The IOE Confucius Institute at University College London and five universities in Scotland received large sums to host the institutes.

When Liz Truss was an education minister in 2014, she said the network of Confucius classrooms would "put in place a strong infrastructure for Mandarin". After Rishi Sunak pledged to close the UK's Confucius classrooms during the Tory leadership campaign, Truss's team said she had "strength-

ened Britain's position on China since becoming foreign secretary and helped lead the international response to increased Chinese aggression".

The Confucius Institute of the University of Aberdeen made headlines when Andy Wightman, a former Green MSP, claimed that a Chinese academic and Communist Party member based at the university had defended Putin's invasion of Ukraine.

The China Research Group said Confucius Institutes were monitored by the Chinese International Education Foundation, a body affiliated with China's education ministry. Its teachers were approved by a central body and were told not to cover sensitive issues.

Lee Edwards, the conservative

American academic, described the institutes as the "modern equivalent of a Trojan horse, seemingly benign and apolitical but committed to shaping our understanding of an authoritarian adversary".

Sweden closed its Confucius Institutes by the end of May 2020, the first country in Europe to do so. Months later Mike Pompeo, the US secretary of state, said the institutes were "an entity advancing Beijing's global propaganda and malign influence campaign".

Edward Lucas, a China expert, has told *The Times* that Britain should follow America and Sweden, adding: "These outfits are influence operations, thinly disguised outstations for Chinese Communist Party operations."

Armed forces chief urges caution over Ukraine's military advances

Matt Dathan Home Affairs Editor

Ukraine's counter-offensive against Russian forces in the east of the country shows that Vladimir Putin is "failing on all of his military strategic objectives," the chief of the defence staff has said.

Admiral Sir Tony Radakin said the Russian president's problems with his invasion of Ukraine were "mounting" but warned against viewing the extraordinary gains made by the Ukrainian army over the past fortnight as a "turning point".

Caution was also needed when talking about escalation and the prospect of

the losses leading Putin to use nuclear weapons because speculation could itself be detrimental, he said.

"I think we've got to be very balanced about talk of escalation," Radakin told the BBC's *Sunday With Laura Kuenssberg*. "We monitor it very carefully, we don't see anything at this stage that alarms us, and we have to understand that should Putin escalate, that creates problems for him as

Sir Tony Radakin: speculation unhelpful



well. So again, I would offer caution and avoid jumping to conclusions."

Ukraine says it has recaptured 3,000 square miles (8,000 sq km) of land in the northeast of the country this month, including in the Kharkiv region. Towns reclaimed include Izyum and Kupiansk, which were hubs for the supply of Russian forces in Donbas.

Attempts to retake Kherson in the south continue and Radakin warned that the battle over the city shows the

lengthy struggles that are likely. He said: "I think we've got to be very cautious. I think it's significant in terms of what's happening on the ground, it's really significant for the impact it has on Russian forces."

"But people need to be cautious. The likely result with all of this is that it's going to grind on for a long time."

He said Putin had always suffered from a lack of equipment to consolidate his advances and his manpower was "thin on the ground". "At the very outset we said that this was a strategic error by President Putin and strategic errors

lead to strategic consequences, and in this instance it's strategic failure."

"Putin is failing on all of his military strategic objectives. He wanted to subjugate Ukraine, that's not going to happen. He wanted to take control of the capital. We saw that that was defeated earlier on."

"We saw that he wanted to weaken Nato. Nato is now much stronger, and we have Finland and Sweden joining. He wanted to break the international resolve; well actually that's strengthened over this period. And he's under pressure, his problems are mounting." **Victims of Russian brutality, page 30**



End of the road A 1964 Vulcan bomber overshoot a runway during a taxi test and wound up in a field with its nose poking on to a road. It happened at Wellesbourne Airfield, Warwickshire, when the jet, which is no longer airworthy, remained at full power because of a malfunction. It was slowed down by the softness of the ground

Barristers must mind language on diversity

Jonathan Ames Legal Editor

Barristers have been told to stop using the term "ethnic minorities" and to invoke "more granular and appropriate" language that accounts for "the nuances" of diversity.

The Bar Standards Board, the body that regulates 17,000 barristers in England and Wales, has issued guidelines on "racial terminology" that recommend replacement phrases.

The watchdog said that "where possible" barristers should "avoid collective language". Instead of the all-encompassing term ethnic minorities, barristers should pick from a list of expressions that included: racialised communities; black and minoritised; minoritised communities; marginalised by race; and communities experiencing racial inequality.

Board officials would lead by adopting the guidance because they "recognise the importance of being unambiguous and transparent with our language".

The guidance confirmed that some terms — such as "coloured" — that had been widely used a generation or so ago were no longer acceptable. Officials were aware that the expression was still used by some barristers.

Barristers were also told that the watchdog disapproved of terms that "define people in a negative way". It highlighted phrases such as "non-white" and "non-traditional background", which were potentially "deeply offensive, suggesting that people do not belong by othering them". The regulator would still refer to some groups as being "underrepresented at the Bar".

Ethnic diversity is the cause of considerable debate at the Bar, with campaigners arguing that the profession remains dominated by white men, many of whom were educated privately.

A report published this year — when the board was still referring to barristers from "minority ethnic backgrounds" — found that group accounted for nearly 14 per cent of practising lawyers. That roughly equates to the percentage of the wider population who described themselves as not being white, according to the Office for National Statistics.

The more senior ranks of the barristers' profession are significantly whiter. According to the report, the percentage of ethnic minority barristers who are King's Counsel dropped to 9.6 per cent.

Disabled people are even more underrepresented: while more than 16 per cent of those of working age in England and Wales are disabled, only about 7 per cent of barristers reported having a disability.

Make a decision on same-sex marriage, faithful tell bishops

Kaya Burgess Religious Affairs Correspondent

The Church of England faces "disaster" if bishops do not finally reach a "clear decision" one way or the other on whether to back same-sex marriage, worshippers have said before historic meetings to discuss a possible change in doctrine.

After years of consultations, reviews and reports, bishops will gather this month and twice more before the end of the year to discuss the church's teachings on sexuality and marriage, with warnings from worshippers that "decision time has come" and that "the nation is watching".

They have pledged to present their recommendations to the church's parliament in February, which could pave the way for an unprecedented vote on whether Church of England priests

should be allowed to conduct gay weddings for the first time. The last vote on a similarly significant change in church doctrine came in 2014 when the General Synod approved the consecration of women as bishops.

A church document reveals that worshippers have urged bishops to issue a "clear" recommendation on same-sex marriage rather than more "wishy washy" statements. If they fail, they have been warned that division within the church over the issue is a "disaster that will go on and on".

Bishops have pledged to provide a "clear sense of direction" in their recommendations to guide members of the General Synod in their decision-making.

Gay rights campaigners hope bishops will recommend that a vote is held on whether the church should start conducting gay weddings or at

least start offering blessings for gay couples who have had a civil wedding.

Traditionalists hope bishops will definitively rule out any change to the existing stance that church weddings should be exclusively reserved for opposite-sex couples and that gay sex is sinful.

A document analysing the results of a consultation among 6,400 churchgoers found that both camps were united in one view, however. "While some advocated strongly for change and some to maintain the church's position on questions of sexuality, all agreed that coming to a clear decision soon is vital," it said.

More than 110 participants in focus groups agreed bishops had a "difficult but essential task", but added that "a decision on moving forward needs to be made soon". One comment, from an unnamed worshipper, pleaded with

bishops: "Don't make it wishy washy; whatever decision you make, it needs to be clear and meaningful."

Another referred to the Christian mission of the church and said: "If we don't get over this, it will be a missiological disaster that will go on and on."

Another warned: "The decision time has come; the nation is watching."

Bishops will meet three times before the end of the year, with one full day at each gathering devoted to debating the church's teaching on sexuality and marriage.

Anglican churches in the United States, Scotland and Canada have already moved to start conducting same-sex weddings, while the Church in Wales has started offering blessings to married gay couples. This leaves the Church of England as the only Anglican church in Britain that neither blesses nor conducts same-sex marriages.

Bottles thrown at officers as Hindus and Muslims clash

Fiona Hamilton Crime Editor

Police officers were pelted with bottles in Leicester after the breakout of "serious disorder" linked to sectarian tensions between groups of youths.

Officers were deployed from surrounding areas and police used widespread stop and search powers in order to quell the violence.

Two people were arrested after large crowds gathered in the latest in a series of disturbances in the east of Leicester since a cricket match between India and Pakistan on August 28.

Community sources said that fringe elements in both communities were whipping up tensions, spreading false stories about attacks to stoke violence.

Videos posted online showed hundreds of people, mostly young men, pouring into the area. Bottles were being thrown from side to side and police officers in between were hit.

Clashes appear to have broken out after a video was circulated online of a flag being pulled down outside a Hindu temple, while there have also been separate complaints of anti-Muslim sentiment. Police said persistent claims of an attack on a mosque were untrue.

Suleman Nagi, from the Federation of Muslims, appealed for calm and urged parents and grandparents to intervene and stop younger people attending protests.

He said that people from both communities had lived peacefully in Leicester for decades and the tension came from a minority, adding: "Sectarianism does raise its ugly head all over the world. We don't want it any time but this is being disrespectful to our head of state. We are calling on people to pull back... healing is much needed in our city of Leicester."

One man was arrested on suspicion of conspiracy to commit violent disorder

and another on suspicion of possession of a bladed article. They remain in police custody.

Rob Nixon, the temporary chief constable of Leicestershire, said: "We have had numerous reports of an outbreak of disorder in parts of the east Leicester area of the city. We have got officers there, we are taking control of that situation. There are additional officers en route and dispersal powers and stop search powers have been authorised. Please do not get involved, we are calling for calm."

A spokesman for the force said it was investigating several incidents of violence and damage.

Claudia Webbe, the MP for Leicester East, tweeted on Saturday night that it was a "time for cool heads" and "I implore everyone to go home". She added: "Your family will be worried for your safety, please accept the advice of the police who are trying to defuse and are calling for calm."

A brawl had previously broken out after last month's cricket match, with young men videoed throwing punches at each other on the city's Golden Mile. A police officer was assaulted in the mêlée. There were also offensive chants coming from the crowd.

More than two dozen people in total have been arrested over violent incidents and disorder linked to the match.

Last night police were gearing up for more tensions as a local road was closed due to a protest. A smoke bomb was let off and some in the crowd were angry with police, saying they had not done enough to quell recent disorder.

The force tweeted: "There will be a policing presence in East Leicester this evening. We will be using the powers available to us in order to keep the public safe — this will mean dispersal orders and wider stop and search powers in use."



Monty Don says that Ned is "bright, innocent and irresistibly charming". He will soon be appearing on *Gardeners' World*

happy, ate his biscuits that he always had at night, and then he had these terrible seizures all night, one after another."

Don's younger son Tom, who was in lockdown at the family's home with his wife and parents, heard the noise and woke his father at lam.

"And Nigel did it for the rest of the night and never stopped," Don said. "So I rang the vet about 6am and took him in at about 8am. He had a seizure in the car and he never really recovered."

At the vet's Nigel was put down, which as Don wrote in *Nigel: My family and other dogs* in 2016 is often the "kindest and most loving thing we can do for a dog".

Nigel died on a Thursday morning but appeared on *Gardeners' World* the following day because it had already been recorded. Don announced Nigel's death on social media on the Monday. By the middle of the week he had received tens of thousands of messages of condolence.

At the time he described the loss of Nigel as "proper bereavement." He said: "It's true love and, as with losing anyone you love, it's real grief."

Nigel is buried in the family's garden with 20 tennis balls and some of his favourite biscuits.

The coppice also holds the graves, marked by headstones, of Don's previous dogs Beaufort, Red, Poppy and Barry, as well as two cats, Stimp and Blue.

It is expected that Ned will be introduced to the *Gardeners' World* audience in the coming weeks.

Monty Don's new pup is reminder of beloved pet

Monty Don has a new best friend. The TV gardener introduced the world to Ned, a golden retriever puppy who takes the

place of Nigel, who was put down in May 2020 (Ben Clatworthy writes).

Don, 67, chose the puppy on September 9, a day after the Queen died. He said: "On a day when we are sharing a deep sense of sadness and loss, I went to choose the new bright, innocent and irresistibly charming member of our family, replacing Nigel."

Don joked that he had not told Nellie, known as Nell, the family's other

golden retriever or Patti, his Yorkshire terrier.

Nigel was put down because he had what was thought to be a brain tumour. The day before he died, Nigel, 12, had been well, and as usual had waited for his master to finish his breakfast and accompanied him on his morning stroll.

"What was really odd was that it was out of the blue," Don said at the time. "He went to bed

Simple surgery to save diabetics' feet

Kat Lay Health Editor

If some people with diabetes had a simple and cheap foot operation, it could spare them amputation and save the NHS money, a study has found.

Each year in England more than 7,000 significant lower-limb amputations are carried out on people with type 1 or type 2 diabetes. Most are needed because of non-healing diabetic foot ulcers, a common and debilitating complication.

The research, presented at the annual meeting of the European Association for the Study of Diabetes in Stockholm, found that intervening early to offer minor operations to patients with ulcers cut amputation rates. It also reduced recurrence and cut healthcare costs by 88 per cent.

"Although the procedure is relatively simple, its potential is revolutionary," said Adrian Heald, a consultant at Salford Royal NHS Foundation Trust and lead author of the research.

Treating diabetic foot ulcers costs the

health service an estimated £935 million a year. They tend to occur in parts of the foot that bear the most weight. Up to half the patients who develop an ulcer die within five years and the death rate is 70 per cent within five years of amputation.

In the trial, 19 people with diabetic ulcers underwent an operation to adjust the mechanics of the foot and to remove pressure on the ulcerated part. They were compared with 15 patients given standard, conservative treatment.

For ten patients with ulcers on their toes, a surgeon cut the tendon to relax the toe into a straight position, under local anaesthetic. For nine with ulcers on the sole of the foot behind the toe and tightness in the Achilles tendon, the surgeon used a technique to stretch the tendon and allow the patient to walk flat-footed.

Reviewed a year later, all patients in the group that had the operation had seen their ulcers resolve in about four weeks. Only a third of patients given

usual care had seen their ulcers resolve in an average of 20 weeks. No patients in the surgery group were admitted for diabetic foot sepsis, compared with seven in the usual care group. Ulcers recurred in only two patients in the surgery group, compared with ten in the conservative treatment group.

There were seven amputations in the usual care group and two in the surgery group. No patients in the surgery cohort died, whereas six in the conservative care group did.

While caring for patients given the usual care cost an average £9,902, the surgical group's average cost was said to be £1,211, a saving of almost £8,700 per person.

"Our study is the first in the UK to demonstrate practical and financial feasibility of simple orthopaedic interventions to accelerate healing of mechanical forefoot ulcers for patients with diabetic neuropathy," Heald said. "We urge other diabetic multidisciplinary foot teams to explore this treatment option."

Nanotubes could be a cure for treatment side-effects

Pipes only a millionth as wide as a human hair could deliver personalised therapies to individual cells, according to new research.

The "world's tiniest plumbing system" could one day funnel drugs, proteins and molecules to targeted organs and tissue without side-effects. It comprises microscopic tubes that self-assemble and can connect themselves to different biostructures.

Professor Rebecca Schulman, of Johns Hopkins University in Maryland, who co-authored the research, said: "This study suggests very strongly it's feasible to build nanotubes that don't leak using these easy techniques for self-assembly, where we mix molecules in a solution and just let them form the structure we want... We can also attach these tubes to different endpoints to form something like plumbing."

The team worked with tubes seven nanometers in diameter — about two-

millionth the size of an ant — and a few thousand nanometers long — equivalent to a dust particle. They grew and repaired the tubes, enabling them to seek out and connect to specific cells.

The approach is similar to an established technique that repurposes DNA as building blocks. They make "nanopores" to control the transport of chemicals across lab-grown lipids that mimic a cell's membrane. But short fittings alone cannot reach other tubes. Schulman said: "We were able to build tubes extending from pores much longer than those that had been built before that could bring the transport of molecules along nanotube 'highways' close to reality."

The nanotubes form using DNA strands between different double helices. DNA nanotubes could help scientists understand how neurons interact. Researchers could use them to study diseases and cell functions.

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Call to service can be the Queen's final gift

Millions volunteered during the pandemic and we should find ways of permanently harnessing such public spiritedness

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Look — there's Biden! And Macron ... And is that the princess of Liechtenstein in the wide-brimmed hat? And there's Guy, who's been out on the RNLI boats for three decades ... and Pranav, who delivered meals during the pandemic ... and Barbara, 71 and still an emergency first responder! Among the great and the good at Westminster Abbey today will be the great and good: scores of volunteers who received surprise invitations to the ceremony. It is a fitting touch for the funeral of a woman whose pledge to give her "whole life ... to your service" was fulfilled over 25,000-odd days of hospice openings and lab tours. There must have been times when the Queen wished the duties could pause and the hand-shaking cease, but she always turned up, always well turned-out.

Today, a service for the Queen of Service. But what then? What is the best tribute, once the last notes of the Last Post have faded away? The answer is surely obvious: a movement to encourage more people to serve community and country. Queen Elizabeth's Volunteer Army, at your service.

Cynics may scoff at the notion that there is any great appetite for service in an age of Instagram solipsism, and at a time when many are working two jobs simply to cover their energy bills. But the sight of hundreds of thousands of people queueing for hours to file past the coffin of

someone they have never met illustrates an old truth: most people want to feel they are part of a community. "No man is an island entire of itself; every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main ..." Modern life has a tendency to turn us into islands, absorbed in our phones, working from home or sofa-chained by the latest Netflix binge. Events such as the Queen's death make us feel like part of the main once again. Many enjoy that fellow feeling and, beyond national tragedy or triumph, the best route to achieving it is through service.

During the pandemic, more than 4.6 million volunteered for the first time. Vaccination centres were hives of busy retirees in yellow tabards, scribbling on clipboards and taking the fight to Omicron. Observing these people, it was clear that doing good feels good. They felt purposeful, useful. In the vaccination centre or the scout hut or food bank, the

Most people want to feel as though they are part of a community

volunteer is lifted out of the rat race of material competition, worries about status, the miserable compare-and-despair loop of social media to a higher plane. As Martin Luther King said: "Everybody can be great ... because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve. You don't have to know the second theory of thermodynamics in physics to serve." Everybody can be great — and if we could inspire pandemic-levels of volunteering, what great things it could achieve, especially as a winter (or more) of hardship looms.

Though many excellent voluntary organisations exist, for a new spirit of voluntarism to take flight and have the necessary profile it must be organised at the highest level. It should be a thing of the palace and — gulp — of government.

Politicians have been wary of wading into "do-gooding" territory ever since David Cameron's Big Society. But though the BS (with its unfortunate acronym) was easily lampooned and a bit woolly, its core argument — that people should be encouraged to play a more active role in society — was sound.

Now the time is ripe for a new era of voluntarism. The pandemic revealed millions willing to do more. The mourning for the Queen has demonstrated a widespread respect for the value of service. The cost of living crisis has many of us fretting about how to help our fellow citizens beyond lobbying some items into the food bank donation basket. The atomised age we are in has many yearning to feel a stronger sense of belonging and community.

The public appetite is there. So what could this new, national movement look like? It could be branded with something illustrious, like Queen Elizabeth's Voluntary Service or the Queen Elizabeth Pledge (a challenge to reach 96 hours of service, perhaps, for every year of her life). It could launch with a major advertising blitz along the lines of the army's rousing *Be The Best* campaign; a call to Play Your Part. It could include a new Crisis Reserves to help in times of emergency, from flooding to wildfires to future pandemics; an NHS Reserves to assist in times of severe overstretch; an Environmental Reserves to plant trees and maintain our shared green spaces.

It could, critically, help narrow the



The pandemic proved the public have a welcome appetite for pitching in

gulf between people's intention to volunteer and actually getting around to it. Often, that is the fault of bureaucracy, the numerous forms and criminal-record checks that sap the will to live, let alone the will to volunteer. Conservative MP Danny Kruger has put forward the excellent suggestion of a "volunteer passport" that could be used across public and social sectors, requiring only one identity and criminal-record check.

Another barrier to volunteering is the commitment it can demand: every Wednesday afternoon 'til kingdom come, three hours every Saturday. In our convenience-first age, this level of commitment can be off-putting. Though the gig economy and zero-hours contracts are controversial in the realm of paid work, that is precisely the direction we need to go in with unpaid labour.

Have a spare few hours today?

Where do they need a pair of extra hands tomorrow? Swipe left if you're keen, swipe right to see where else you might give some time.

Modernising volunteering in this way would be essential to rebranding service for the TikTok generation. But as an old-fashioned sort I would go further, with a brief spell of compulsory service for 16-year-olds. The National Citizen Service

The commitment required to volunteer can be off-putting

launched by David Cameron was a step in the right direction but, being voluntary, it has remained a summer camp for a small minority of young people rather than a rite of passage for all. We balk at the word "compulsory" in this country but in liberty-loving France they are introducing compulsory civic service to promote national unity and community spirit. Why not here?

Tomorrow, as the world's television crews pack up and go home and the streets of Westminster are swept, the talk will begin in earnest about permanent memorials to Her Majesty: statues erected, squares renamed, battleships christened. But I hope, too, there is something which uses her memory to inspire us to a greater good. For the Queen of Service, what more fitting memorial could there be?

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The King has real influence — if he wants it

Charles represents a thousand years of tradition that gives stability to the UK and the world

Trevor Phillips



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Today, King Charles takes centre stage, laying his mother to rest before scores of world leaders and billions around the globe. Tomorrow, he will be shorn of the passions that animated him as Prince of Wales.

Some want him reduced to a benign, Ruritanian figure whose main concern should be whether the pen with which he meekly assents to whatever his parliament wishes leaves a stain on the page.

The ceremonial monarchy that stands aloof, “above” politics is an alluring fiction. But it is just that — a fiction. Perhaps the real magic of our monarchical system is the way *Game of Thrones* pageantry hides the royal exercise of political power. Like his mother, the King will wield real influence if he wishes to do so.

The American populist Andrew Breitbart used to say politics lies downstream of culture. The cultural theorist Stuart Hall prophetically argued that Britain’s institutions constrain politicians’ actions by defining what is “sensible” and “normal”. If progressives could capture the schools, universities, the churches and the BBC, he said, their ideas would inevitably become dominant in society. Irrespective of who won elections, the Left would define what Hall called “common sense”. In recent times, though

stridency and bullying have dimmed the Left’s appeal, the liberal march through our cultural institutions has been largely triumphant.

Hall was right. Only one cultural institution, anchored in 1,000 years of tradition, has resisted the pull of liberalism: the monarchy. But it too is under pressure. This King intuitively knows more than most about the broad sweep of world politics because much of it is the history of his own family. He will have learnt the fragility of a monarch’s place in the delicate web of power from both his mother and his grandmother.

The latter had a far more sophisticated take on politics than she sometimes let on. Half a century

Despotism can only be combated by allies with a shared culture

ago, when the Queen Mother was Chancellor of the University of London, the writer John Carr, a Labour man, had the privilege of escorting her to the annual Union ball, introducing her to dinner-jacketed, but noisily republican, student leaders. Confronted with one particularly hairy specimen, suavely identified by Carr as “a card-carrying member of the Communist Party”, the Queen Mother responded: “Ah yes, Marx. What a romantic fool.”

While *Das Kapital* may not have been required reading at Balmoral, she fully grasped the tenuous nature of royal power, and its perils. Her late husband’s Russian cousins had been slaughtered by Bolsheviks yet her

father-in-law, George V, refused — against his ministers’ demands — to grant asylum to the surviving relatives, fearing the destabilisation of his own empire. As a child, she grew up in Glamis Castle, home of the fictional Macbeth. Her life was transformed by the abdication. She understood life-and-death politics. It is said the King was close to his grandmother and learned much from her experience. One hopes so. The existence of a 1,000-year-old monarchy has contributed to a stability that makes extremism unattractive to Britain.

Charles now faces a monumental challenge: maintaining a balance between the exercise of “soft power” and partisan intervention in public policy. He can exercise a decisive constraining influence on affairs. His voice, if softer, will matter. He needs to use it judiciously. It is reasonable to say all expressions of faith should be treated equally; but is it wise to encourage the idea Britain is a “community of communities” after a fortnight of Hindu-Muslim communal clashes in Leicester?

It may be as head of the Commonwealth that we see the true weight of his influence. The Queen’s active role over sanctions on South Africa has been pointed out many times. She also helped to smooth the transition from empire to Commonwealth. Between 1945 and 1965, a period bifurcated by the Coronation, Britain relinquished sovereignty over dozens of colonies, reducing a realm of 700 million-plus to one of just five million subjects in non-UK realms such as Hong Kong. It wasn’t all white gloves and tea with

the governor-general. There was a nasty guerrilla war in Malaya and the Mau Mau insurgency in Kenya. I was born during a state of emergency with troops on the streets of Georgetown.

But compare the mostly peaceful dissolution of our much larger empire against the atrocities of the French in Algeria and their humiliating retreat from Vietnam; or the vicious repression by Belgium in the Congo. These three conflicts cost half a million lives.

The Commonwealth remains Her late Majesty’s great unfinished project. Many of its members are far from democratic. Some belittle it as an imperial rump. But only the ignorant would dismiss the wisdom of nationalist titans like Nehru, Nkrumah, Nyerere, Kenyatta, Kaunda, Bustamante, Eric Williams, and Lee Kuan Yew, who all wanted — and got — freedom, then used that freedom to choose the Commonwealth, with the monarch at its head. These leaders foresaw what many today still cannot comprehend. An axis of authoritarianism steadily ties Beijing, Moscow and Tehran closer together. China is buying its way into control of the developing world. These despots can only be combated by an alliance with shared values and cultures. There is a delicious irony in the prospect that the glue that might weld the world’s democracies together is the world’s best-known hereditary monarchy. But isn’t it entirely British that such a benign contradiction emerges from the nation which gave the world the expression “doublethink”?



Staffing crisis in the NHS piled on pain of pandemic

Andrew Goddard

A public inquiry into the Covid-19 pandemic is getting under way in earnest this week but while this will be valuable, I need no convincing that our political leaders were found wanting.

Understandably, when people think of Covid patients being treated in hospital, they picture them on ventilators in intensive therapy units (ITUs). But more than 90 per cent were looked after by physicians on general wards repurposed as Covid-only wards. As the pandemic progressed, though many patients were still critically ill, fewer required ITU, so the strain on physicians, nurses and other healthcare professionals remained enormous.

The Royal College of Physicians (RCP) ran 14 surveys of its UK members between April 2020 and January 2022 and the results tell their own devastating story. There were successes, including the vaccine roll-out (by the time of our eighth survey, in January 2021, 85 per cent of respondents had received their first dose) and the availability of testing. At the beginning of April 2020, testing was available for fewer than a third of respondents with symptoms and within a month to nearly all (91 per cent).

But at that point only just over a quarter of respondents were able to access the PPE they needed and five months later, only a little over half felt their organisation would be able to provide it. In April last year, 69 per cent of respondents said they felt exhausted and 31 per cent felt demoralised. Nine months on, in January this year, 69 per cent said they had felt overwhelmed at least once in the past three weeks.

This data cannot reveal the human stories of pain and sacrifice experienced by those who sought to do the best for their patients but were sometimes prevented from doing so, or paid too high a price.

Had the NHS been better prepared, through proper pandemic planning, adequate supplies of appropriate PPE and simply by being better staffed, it would have made a world of difference. Even ahead of the inquiry, all the evidence points to us having been sadly — or rather, dangerously — lacking on all three counts.

Shamefully, the government refused calls from the RCP and more than 100 health and care organisations to include in the Health and Care Act regular assessments of how many staff would be needed in future to keep pace with demand for health and social care. There can be no doubt that without those dire workforce shortages, the toll on us all from the pandemic would not have been as great.

Sir Andrew Goddard is the immediate past president of the Royal College of Physicians

Helen Rumbelow Notebook

At long last, pushing 50, I’ve finished pretending

When do you finally feel grown up? Is it all the usual things, like leaving home — as the new flock of

first-year university students are doing this week — or getting a job, or composing your first complaint email to Great Northern rail? A friend asked me this question recently as she had written a whole book about it and still hadn’t come up with the answer. “Easy,” I replied. “It’s when my second parent died.”

Until I became an old-age orphan, I hadn’t realised that, deep down, I’d always been playing at it. Even when I had kids, even when my father died, there was someone still watching out. But some weeks after I buried my mother and survived organising the sausage-roll “collation” at her wake, I understood I felt different. It was all down to me now. Finally, pushing 50, I’d grown up. It’s not just abandonment, it’s acceptance. It

happens at any age: I understand the way that King Charles, at 73, talks of losing his “darling mama”.

He is, as it happens, moving house and starting his first big job, as well as burying his mother, in the space of a week. He has become a king, and perhaps also a man.

Do it the Howards’ way

Last autumn I sat in the library at Castle Howard in North Yorkshire, which you may know as the film set for *Bridgerton* or *Brideshead*, depending on your vintage of sexualised stately homes. I was interviewing Nick Howard, the eighth-generation Howard to run the place. As we talked, dusk besieged the building. Through the windows I could see the mausoleum silhouetted in the gloaming. This wasn’t a run-of-the-mill mausoleum from Argos. It was a Grecian temple built by Nicholas Hawksmoor, and where Howard will be buried.

Howard’s mind was on succession. His father had placed the ownership of Castle Howard in a family company.

“I think he felt uncomfortable, as a lot of people do, with the idea that

the eldest automatically inherits,” Howard told me. He, in turn, was pushing the process further, towards a system where the family would nominate the best candidate among them for the role, on a calendar of ten-year reappointments, “so you don’t get the kind of selfish entitlement that can be so destructive with these places”. I was impressed. Now is probably not the right time to mention it, but Windsors and other tradition-heads take note: just because things have always been done one way, it doesn’t mean they can’t change.

Time to spring Trap

See *How They Run* is out this week, a film pastiche of Agatha Christie’s *The Mousetrap*. The play itself has never been screened, as the film rights were sold on the condition that the producers had to wait until the play was finished in the West End. (Christie herself thought it wouldn’t last more than a year.) It has been running there since 1952, the same year Queen Elizabeth began her reign.

The *Mousetrap*’s stage directions are “contemporary”, which means the actors are stuck in the tweeds and twinsets of the moment the Queen

set her style. What started out feeling fresh and exciting morphed into something valued exactly for its constancy. Maybe it’s time for the play to be reborn in film: *The Mousetrap* has its final curtain call, long live *The Mousetrap*.

Hugh’s a good boy then

In a parallel universe, if Liz Truss were Les Truss and had married Hannah O’Leary not Hugh, the PM’s spouse would have to be rigorously policed for her hair, leg shape, height of shoe and most of all, the sway of her dangerous, undemocratic opinions. Back in this universe, the PM is very lucky that she has a solid husband and not a wife. Therefore he can wear what he likes and give her the benefit of authoritative guidance that no commentators will question. Phew!

A gran day out

When people lined the streets this week, they often explained their actions as “something to tell the grandchildren”. I loved my grandmother but as a child, I was bored by stories going back further than the previous week. Now I am nearer the age she was then, I long to hear her memories stretching back over two world wars, and I cannot. I know this, yet still I keep being tempted to join the crowds as “something to tell the grandchildren”.





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There is no 'correct' way to experience grief

An expectation of showy sorrow is no more helpful to the bereaved than the Victorian mourning rules it has replaced

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In a week of historic echoes, national feeling, decent sympathy and indecent carping came another rumbling theme: sorrow management.

Griefologists hit the airwaves and prints, with questions like, "Has the new King given himself space to grieve properly?" while the poor devil ricocheted round the UK signing his royal timesheet.

They lay down the formula for "a healthy bereavement process", scrutinise famous faces for tears and patronisingly diagnose fountain-pen incidents as "a grief reaction". They speculate that a man they have never met will be "re-triggered" by remembering his father's death. They cite the Kübler-Ross theory of grief's stages — "Denial. Anger. Bargaining. Depression. Acceptance" — though actually the Swiss psychiatrist was mainly talking about emotional processes in the dying themselves. In that context it makes a lot more sense because it's their own death.

Survivors, tangled in memory or guilt or the need to console others,

rarely progress obediently through the stages in tidy order. But smug experts convince the public until people actually go online asking, "How do I know what stage of grief I am in?" as if ticking a box.

Good counsel is useful when the bereaved willingly seek it out. Careful, confidential listeners help individuals find their own ways to assimilate the shock of mortality. When losses are multiple, Emily Dickinson's mournful line echoes: "The Dying have been too deep for me, and before I could raise my heart from one, another has come." Such a sequence (five in four years) was what made me first turn to professional help — and the most useful thing the guy said when I

In the aftermath of bereavement, we have the right to be weird

listed them was a surprised, "Gosh, thank God you're crying." Surprisingly helpful, with no wise, formulaic seen-it-all nodding.

So of course there's merit in the counselling trade. Anyone asking for help — whether from priest, philosopher or therapist — should get it. But the key word there is "asking". It is impertinent, unwise, tactless and infuriating for onlookers

to dole it out unasked. Nobody should police, prescribe or predict the sadness of others. Not only is it callous to say "get over it", it is just as bad to think people should adjust their own expressions, actions, laughter, or early returns to work in order to comply with your idea of "grieving properly".

Today's sentimental idea of showy sorrow is as bad, in its way, as Victorian mourning rules. It hobbles even us ordinary people. Relatives of murder or disaster victims are afraid to be photographed smiling. New widows say, "Oh, I shouldn't be laughing", though in that moment it's just what they need.

When we lost our son, in the dazed heatwave before the funeral I felt afraid to put on my frivolous Hawaiian shirt to walk down the hot lane in case someone judged me heartless. But the house was filled with friends, mostly of his age, and with jokes. Even a joke with our veteran undertaker, the late Tony Brown of Saxmundham. That was right: he was a man who said he'd never left a house without people smiling.

Nothing is prescribable. Victorian rules were onerous but so are our modern assumptions about feelings and expressions. The death of any individual should remind us vividly that we are all irreplaceably different. Behavioural sciences must know

their place. Most of us do eventually level out to a kind of norm, but in the immediate aftermath of bereavement everyone has an absolute right to be odd, even a bit weird.

Some will reach out for company, others clench in private misery. Some will talk and remember for hours, while others prefer not to have their loss mentioned. Some want shared tears on a long walk, others a silent game of chess or a

Some find comfort in the ancient rituals of death, others do not

rom-com. The outsider's job is to see and respect needs, not make bossy arrangements, prattle about Heaven or theorise about what the late one "would have wanted".

Some find the dead one's possessions unbearable, others cling to them. Offer practical help but meekly accept rejection. Regarding possessions, the helper's radar must be intense. Ghostly battered shoes or a well-worn purse may suddenly feel too precious for landfill. Siblings have quarrelled over issues such as that.

As to the ancient rituals of death, some find them comforting, others don't. It is not a moment to expect a

person to be reasonable or to agree with you. The burden right now on the royal family involves millions of staring eyes and strict ritual. Under all this, they are enduring remarkably well.

It has also meant ploddingly ill-judged interventions by republicans and American postcolonial academics, demanding that before his mother is even buried, the King must "apologise" for the faults of empire. The people saying this probably claim in life to be liberal-minded, humanitarian and kind. Within the unspoken rules of dealing with the newly bereaved, they really aren't.

These three rules are useful: keep an almost preternatural openness to the survivor's individual need; accept that whatever the degree, expression or nature of their emotion, it's allowable; especially necessary this week, don't presume you know more about their feelings than they do.

When Princess Diana died we were sailing with my son and his friend, Prince William's age. Hearing that I had to write, they formed a solemn, serious deputation. "Don't put anything about the boys and how they're feeling. Nothing." I complied. When a medical commentator next day wrote, "William will be experiencing the grief reaction", we all shuddered together. Mind your own business, Doc!

Letters to the Editor



Kwarteng's divisive focus on growth

Sir, Kwasi Kwarteng says that "what really matters is growth" ("Ruthless Truss plans to stamp her authority with four-day whirlwind", news, Sep 17) but I think he is wrong. The UK is not a poor country. The problem is not with how much wealth the country has but with how that wealth is used and distributed. Too much is hoarded, diverted into various tax havens or moved around in ways designed only to reduce taxation. Relatively little trickles down in any meaningful way, and relatively little is invested. The United Kingdom is a rich country with a lot of poor people, which some (although evidently not the present government) might find morally problematic. Simply boosting the country's wealth will probably only increase inequality, and the poor will pay a price for this that they cannot afford.

Professor Trevor Curnow
Lancaster

Coronavirus drug

Sir, You report Pascal Soriot, the chief executive of AstraZeneca, as saying that the UK is "one of the very rare" developed countries not to have placed an order for Evusheld, the company's long-acting preventive treatment for coronavirus ("Covid therapy leads way as approvals boost AstraZeneca", business, Sep 17). The delay by the British government is now becoming scandalous as it continues to prevent immunosuppressed people like me and thousands of other leukaemia sufferers from leading normal lives, two and half years since the start of the first lockdown.

Roy Peters
Lower Chicks Grove, Wilts

Practical plant

Sir, John Lewis-Stempel (Nature notebook, Sep 17) notes that the yellow-flowered great mullein (*Verbascum thapsus*) is known as "donkey's ears" locally, owing to the soft fur of its leaves. In America, some instead refer to it as "camper's friend", as it is a particularly plush substitute for those caught off guard without lavatory paper in the great outdoors.

Professor Jennifer Rohn
Gravesend, Kent

Corrections and clarifications

● At the moment of her coronation the Queen wore St Edward's Crown, not the Imperial State Crown as a caption wrongly said (Magazine, Sep 17).



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Life of service touches the soul of Britain

Sir, While I concur with Ian Bradley's Credo that "Britain might not be as secular as we thought" (Sep 17), I cannot agree that the Queen's lying in state is "very Catholic" and has echoes of the "cult of saints' relics". The large number of people who, at the time of writing, are patiently queuing to pay their last respects to the Queen will be aware that she was a staunch Protestant who took her duties as spiritual head of the Church of England extremely seriously. As a stalwart supporter of *The Book of Common Prayer*, she would very probably not have wished to be venerated as a saint, not least due to article XXII of the Thirty-nine Articles of Faith, which states that the worship and invocation of relics and saints is "repugnant to the Word of God".

Keeley-Jasmine Cavendish
London SE21

Sir, Ian Bradley is correct: "Britain might not be as secular as we thought". We must ensure therefore that future state funerals, royal weddings and coronations etc are not inadvertently influenced by groups such as the National Secular Society (letter, Sep 16) and their joyless prophets of gloom.

The Rev Canon John Fletcher
Hastings

Sir, I hope that, after the scenes of the queue to venerate the Queen, people will no longer find it quite so extraordinary that in pre-Reformation times people did exactly the same and went on pilgrimages to see the sacred remains of people who were venerated. They brought back plenty of souvenirs too. For once, the medieval world can seem surprisingly modern.

David Thompson
Wells, Somerset

Sir, Appreciations of the Queen have rightly stressed her life of service and the support for it that she drew from her Christian faith. It is surprising, then, that little seems to have been made of the importance she accorded the annual distribution of the Royal Maundy, on which occasion her faith and devotion to the service of her people met in the most powerful way, as she re-enacted Christ's assumption of the role of a servant in the washing of his disciples' feet.

Professor Nicholas Marston
King's College, Cambridge

Sir, A commendable experience of the Queen's lying-in-state queue was that my fellow queue participants, from the start at Southwark Park to the end at Westminster Hall, remained in the same order. The virtue of an

orderly queue should be cherished. Hopefully, this queueing practice will continue to be replicated, whatever the occasion.

Melville Rodrigues
London SE21

Sir, The debate over which member of the royal family should wear which uniform has been an unwelcome distraction from the nation's mourning ("Harry to wear his army uniform at vigil — by order of the King", comment, Sep 17). Is it not time for a modernising monarch to abandon this obsolete custom? There is more to respect than braid, feathers and trimmings.

Dr Susan Iles
Oxford

Sir, Ben Macintyre ("What William can learn from Bertie and Hal", Sep 17) implies that the reign of Edward VIII was the shortest in British history. Whatever happened to the Nine Days' Queen, Lady Jane Grey?

Richard Floyd
Chilworth, Surrey

Sir, May I suggest "Elizabeth the Steadfast", a word I have long associated with her.

Vanessa Coryndon
Salisbury

'Looted' artefacts

Sir, TikTok mockery of the British Museum is to be expected, and indeed welcomed ("Fright at the museum as TikTok mockery attacks 'stolen goods'", Sep 17). The museum has been complacent for too long: the chance to create perfect 3D copies of items such as the Elgin Marbles, and return the originals, has been rejected out of hand. The museum has dug its heels in and hidden behind arguments about "showing objects in a global context" or saying it cannot "decommission" artefacts unless the law is changed. As you report, this will not wash with the TikTok generation; the campaign of mockery will do enormous damage to the museum's reputation, and frankly it has only itself to blame.

John O'Brien
Richmond, Surrey

Sir, The TikTok posts reveal an unsurprising lack of knowledge of the contents of the British Museum; the Sutton Hoo hoard and the Lewis Chessmen come to mind but there is a large section on early British history

that the TikTokers have evidently not found. Even a quick scan of the departmental list would lead the curious to the British finds.

Tina Feilden
Norwich

Boar over bison

Sir, Your report ("Bison tunnels plan brings bellows of anger", Sep 17) of residents' objections to Kent Wildlife Trust's plans for more building work in Blean Woods had a revealing quote from the trust: "Since the bison were released we have been delighted with the number of visitors." At considerable cost the trust has imported bison from mainland Europe to "open the tree canopy". This despite substantial wild boar populations in places such as the Forest of Dean and the Kent/Sussex border. Boar could have been introduced virtually cost-free to do pretty much the same job as bison, with many locals in those places glad to see the back of nuisance animals.

Laurence Young
Faversham, Kent

Symbolic Standard

Sir, Seanán Ó Coistín's idea to remove the harp from the Royal Standard (letter, Sep 16) goes against the warm relationship between the UK and Ireland engendered by the present and past monarchs. Indeed, this part of the island of Ireland is still covered by both King Charles III and the symbol of the harp. Perhaps thought could also be given to restoring the Order of St Patrick as symbolic of good relations and honouring those who work for our common good.

Ian Elliott
Belfast

Mass burial site

Sir, It is high time, after the discovery of the graveyard at Ilyzum ("Mass burial site reveals horror", Sep 17), that western powers give Ukraine all the weapons it needs, and do not shy away from further sanctions to isolate this abominable Russian regime.

Sam Pearce
Taroudant, Morocco

THE LAST DAYS OF SMYRNA

FROM THE TIMES SEPTEMBER 19, 1922

British witnesses have described the last days of Smyrna. One of them, Mr Wallace, had exceptional opportunities for watching the progress of events as, after getting his family away, he donned Naval Reserve uniform and served on board HMS Iron Duke till she left on September 14. "The first Turks galloped in on Saturday with drawn sabres and revolvers ready, presenting a most swashbuckling appearance. Suddenly a white-uniformed figure held up a hand, for all the world like a London policeman. They reined up. It was

Captain Thesiger, RN, of HMS King George V, who informed the Turks that the Greeks had gone and advised them to restore confidence by riding quietly along the quays. Their officer agreed, but a few minutes later he was wounded by a bomb thrown by a crazy Armenian. Turkish Regulars and Irregulars, seeking loot, entered the Armenian quarter on the following nights and slaughtered people, mostly with knives and bayonets. Many foreign residents believe that the fire was caused by the Turkish authorities, who desired to cover up traces of this massacre, and that it spread beyond their control. One of our greatest difficulties was the evacuation of the British residents. The Smyrna colony had been well treated by the Turks during the war and many of those whom we had embarked as early as September 5 wished to return to their homes. No one, indeed, realized the dangers of

the situation, and the Turkish authorities begged the Admiral not to embark any more British residents, assuring him that they would be safe. Then came the fire. I never saw a more tragic sight than the refugees. Starving, dazed, and exhausted, they had lost even the capacity for panic. As the fire drove them towards the sea they crowded the whole sea front. Happily the fire did not break through to the sea till very late, and after 1 o'clock on the morning of September 14 the Admiral gave orders that the agreement not to take any refugees on board British ships could no longer be considered binding. One of our strangest experiences that night was to hear the band playing on board the flagship while the town was burning, and cries, shots, and the roar of the fire filled the air."

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Fourth plinth idea

Sir, While there is a compelling case for a prominently located London statue, imposing Elizabeth II on the fourth plinth in Trafalgar Square (report, Sep 17) would be a terrible blunder. Over the past 20 years the game of sculptural musical chairs involving the plinth has become a cherished and endearing British institution, with sometimes impressively moving results (the pregnant Alison Lapper, for example). A permanent monument to the Queen would kill this in one fell swoop. Furthermore, we can easily predict from other recent royal precedents what such a sculpture would look like: drily realistic if it succeeds and embarrassingly kitsch if it fails. To paraphrase Charles III, it is almost destined to be "a monstrous carbuncle" in a "much-loved" public space.

Dr Mark Stocker
Former curator of historical international art, Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa

Matchless elegance

Sir, As a huge fan of Roger Federer, I was saddened to read of his retirement ("Fed Exit", Sep 16). He, like the Queen, gave many years of impeccable service during his long reign. Most of his, however, was delivered at 125 miles an hour and was almost impossible to return.

Alison Shefler
Oxford

Challenge of year 9

Sir, You report that Jonathan Gullis, the new education minister, is "a former head of year 9" ("Education role for former teacher who wants more grammars", Sep 16). Anyone who has taught in a secondary school will treasure their memories of that tough old year, squeezed between cheery new year 7s and studious year 10 and year 11 pupils, who are too busy with GCSEs to be a bother. But oh, those year 9s. Trust me, if he can handle year 9, the Department for Education will be a doddle.

Hilary Moriarty
Former head teacher and CEO, the Boarding Schools' Association

Essential Oxford

Sir, Further to the correspondence on the value of the Oxford comma (Sep 17; report, Sep 16), its value is that it can avoid confusion. Without the insertion of this final comma, you might get the wrong impression from the dedication of my book to "my parents, Nelson Mandela and Mother Theresa".

Sharon Footerman
London NW4

Sir, It is worrying that the health secretary appears to give priority to the abuse of a comma when hospital waiting lists are full of patients worrying about a colon.

Robert Woodcock KC
Netherton, Northumberland

Browned bitter

Sir, James McCulloch (letter, Sep 17) is right: we *rosbifs* are ahead of our French neighbours in reducing the waste of stale bread. Toast Brewery in London, as you reported some years ago, has been producing beer since 2016 using bread that otherwise would have been thrown away.

Nicholas Binns
Darley Dale, Derbyshire

Daily Universal Register

UK: State funeral of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Westminster Abbey, followed by a reception at Church House.

Nature notes



Pineapple weed is coming to the end of its long season. This tough little plant has found its ecological niche in inhospitable spots like paths and waste ground: places with nutrient-deficient, compacted soil and not much competition. It arrived in Britain from Oregon in 1871, and later spread, it is believed, owing to the adoption of the treaded car tyre: an experiment in 1968 showed its seeds to be particularly well suited to this method of distribution. A relative of mayweed, children seem to love pineapple weed for not only do its flowers resemble tiny pineapples, but it smells strongly of them when crushed.

MELISSA HARRISON

Birthdays today



Nile Rodgers, pictured, musician, Chic, *Le Freak* (1978), 70; Louise Botting, broadcaster, *BBC Moneybox* (1977-92), one of the first female directors of a FTSE-100 company, 83; Richard

Burgon, Labour MP for Leeds East, shadow lord chancellor and justice secretary (2016-20), 42; Jarvis Cocker, singer-songwriter, *Pulp*, *Common People* (1995), 59; Ray Cooper, percussionist, 75; Mark Drakeford, first minister of Wales and leader of Welsh Labour, 68; Reece Dunn, swimmer, three-time Paralympic gold medalist (2020), 27; Artur Ekert, professor of quantum physics, University of Oxford, 61; Jimmy Fallon, comedian and talk-show host, 48; Jim Fox, modern pentathlete, Olympic gold medalist (1976), 81; Rosemary Harris, actress, *Spider-Man* (2002), 95; Frances Houghton, rower, three-time Olympic silver medalist (2004, 2008, 2016), 42; Jeremy Irons, actor, *The French Lieutenant's Woman* (1981), *The Mission* (1986), 74; Alun Wyn Jones, rugby union player, Wales captain, 37; Joe Joyce, boxer, Olympic silver medalist (2016), Commonwealth, WBC silver and WBO international heavyweight champion, 37; Dame Lesley (Twiggy) Lawson, model and actress, *The Boy Friend* (1971), 73; Kevin Lygo, managing director (media and entertainment), ITV, 65; David McCallum, actor, *The Man from U.N.C.L.E.* (1964-68), 89; Patrick Marber, playwright, *Closer* (1997), 58; Bill Medley, singer-songwriter, the Righteous Brothers, *You've Lost That Lovin' Feelin'* (1964), 82; Freda Payne, singer, *Band of Gold* (1970), and actress, 80; Sally Potter, film director, *Orlando* (1992), *Ginger & Rosa* (2012), *The Roads Not Taken* (2020), and screenwriter, 73; Prof Michael Proctor, physicist, provost of King's College, Cambridge, 72; Dame Zandra Rhodes, fashion designer, chancellor, University for the Creative Arts (2010-18), 82; David Seaman, footballer, England (1988-2002) and Arsenal (1990-2003), 59; Paul Webster, film producer, *Atonement* (2007), 70; Paul Williams, composer and lyricist, the Carpenters' *We've Only Just Begun* (1970), 82.

On this day

In 1876 the American inventor Melville Bissell patented the carpet sweeper, which Charlie Chaplin can be seen using in his film *Laughing Gas* (1914).

The last word

"Love always triumphs over what we call death. That's why there's no need to grieve for our loved ones." Paulo Coelho, Brazilian poet and writer, *Aleph* (2011).



Rest in Peace

As she is laid to rest, Queen Elizabeth will be remembered by a grateful nation and Commonwealth for her devotion to duty and furtherance of the public good

When Queen Elizabeth II mourned Prince Philip, her husband of 73 years, at his funeral in St George's Chapel at Windsor Castle, she sat alone because she believed it her duty. Her own funeral today at Westminster Abbey, a little over a year later and free of pandemic restrictions, will be attended by hundreds of foreign dignitaries, heads of state, public servants and others, along with courtiers, friends and family.

Prominent in all the mourners' minds, as well as in those of hundreds of millions watching remotely, will be the recollection of that unwavering devotion to duty. It characterised Elizabeth's life and reign, and shaped for the good the civic culture of these islands, the Commonwealth and far beyond. The nation is in her debt and will, as she is laid to rest with Philip within the walls of Windsor Castle, be powerfully reminded of it.

The experience will be most poignant for the royal family. It was a good decision by Buckingham Palace to release a statement from Princess Beatrice and Princess Eugenie paying tribute to their "dearest Grannie" and thanking her for such acts of domesticity as picking heather and raspberries, and providing teas. The news of Elizabeth's death ten days ago elicited a collective sense of loss thanks to the sudden withdrawal of a reassuring presence in public life over the best part of a century. That she was a kind person in private, and a doting grandmother and great-grandmother, will be a surprise to no one, but is a small validation of how her people perceived her.

Sir Thomas Browne, the 17th-century sage, wrote: "The long habit of living indisposeth us for dying." The indisposition in Elizabeth's case is wider still, however. The fact that none but the elderly can recall any monarch preceding her intensifies the disruption for the living, above all for those who knew her best and loved her most. It will be hard for Elizabeth's close family to convey composure during the grandeur of a state funeral, and public sympathy will be with them.

For the peoples Elizabeth reigned over, and for whom King Charles is now head of state, the

funeral and interment are a historic moment. It is a mere truism that the world has changed since Elizabeth ascended the throne 70 years ago, most obviously in technological advance, the dismantling of colonialism, and shifts in mores. A constitutional monarchy might have proved an anachronism. Elizabeth ensured otherwise, by providing a link with the past while adapting skilfully to the present. No less than 15 prime ministers served during her reign and it was the first, Winston Churchill, who noted unsentimentally that the nation's civic settlement was higher than the sovereign. As he told the exiled duke of Windsor, Elizabeth's uncle, the year after his abdication as King Edward VIII, "when our kings are in conflict with our constitution, we change our kings".

Elizabeth came to the throne having shared in the supreme emergency of the Second World War by serving as a driver and mechanic in the Auxiliary Territorial Service. In a broadcast in 1947, the young princess pledged to a public enduring the rigours of rationing that "my whole life, whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to your service". It was thankfully long, and she was as good as her word. By her bearing and empathy, she judged the public mood with unfailing acuity over decades.

It was an achievement that extended far beyond her support of charitable endeavours. Queen Victoria, after all, had already established such service as a task of monarchy in an age when, as she put it in an address to parliament, the nation's institutions were "the abode and shelter of a free and happy people". Elizabeth ensured that the crown endured as others fell. Only in six other states in Europe, all in Scandinavia or the Low Countries, has monarchy survived continuously since 1850.

In Britain, the monarch has stood apart from constitutional crises and so provided a tangible symbol of national unity. Elizabeth accomplished this with a sureness of purpose that might have eluded many others. Her interventions in matters of state were not exclusively ceremonial but were always accomplished through the power of example rather than of exhortation. In the coronavirus

crisis, when the spread of online disinformation and hostility to science posed a direct threat to human life, Elizabeth and Philip received a novel vaccine and persuaded others to do likewise. And in a moving broadcast as the nation experienced draconian restrictions unknown in modern peacetime, Elizabeth invoked the spirit of the struggle against Nazism, which few of her subjects could have directly recalled, by accurately prophesying that "we will meet again".

Elizabeth would have been modest about her importance in the affairs of the nation and the Commonwealth, but a broad historical perspective provides a sense of it. The foundations of constitutional monarchy extend as far back as the 17th century, when the regicide of Charles I put aside forever the notion of royal supremacy. What was not resolved, however, was how to ensure the stability of the state beyond the lifetime of a single ruler. Thomas Hobbes, perhaps the greatest of English political thinkers, hypothesised in his treatise *Leviathan* (1651) that authority must be absolute to maintain social order. It is a cogent argument, and the eventual restoration of the exiled Stuart monarch Charles II became in time the intended remedy, yet the monarchy would not have survived into an age of universal suffrage and pluralism without the capacity to cede formal powers.

In the days since Elizabeth's death, a mere fraction of the many photographs of her have appeared in *The Times* and elsewhere. Many show her glamour as a young princess and as queen into her mature years, but none encapsulates her character better than the very last, at Balmoral less than fortnight ago, after meeting Liz Truss, the new prime minister. Though physically bowed by age, and surely knowing she was on the point of death, Elizabeth smiles into the camera while leaning on her cane. It is as if she knows that her duties in this world are fulfilled, and that a civic realm characterised by liberty and tolerance is her legacy. It is an accomplishment that will be solemnly commemorated today, and celebrated for generations to come.

Diplomatic Service

The presence today of foreign leaders is testimony to Britain's enduring soft power

Today's state funeral is not only an opportunity for the nation to join together to pay its last respects to a much-loved and admired monarch. It is also a significant diplomatic occasion, with more than 100 foreign leaders attending in person, as well as many other international dignitaries who have come to honour the world's longest-standing head of state. Other than perhaps Nelson Mandela's funeral nearly ten years ago, there has never been a gathering like it. For a few hours, the eyes of the world will be on Britain, as indeed they have been for much of the past ten days. Up to four billion people, half the earth's population, are expected to watch some of the proceedings.

That so many world leaders are coming to Britain, among them Joe Biden, who becomes the first serving American president to attend a British state funeral, is in large part a tribute to the late Queen Elizabeth herself. Emmanuel Macron, the French president, put it best in his elegant tribute, when he said that "to you, she was your Queen; to us, she was 'The Queen'". Throughout her 70 years on the throne, Elizabeth was a figure of global fascination and admiration, as much a symbol of dignity, continuity and devotion to duty for the world as she was in Britain.

Yet the cast of world leaders present in London today is also testimony to the continued strength of Britain's place in the world. It is a form of soft

power that has endured despite the loss of empire during the late Queen's reign, and it is reflected in the decision of so many of those former imperial territories to retain links with Britain via the Commonwealth after independence.

It is also a soft power that Britain has kept despite the challenges of recent years that have been beset by political volatility and strained relations with allies. Contrary to talk of Britain being a declining world power, it remains an important player on the international stage.

The good news is that King Charles III has amply demonstrated in his first days on the throne that he understands this very well. That includes the important role that the crown can play, drawing on the example of his mother, both as a source of soft power and in projecting it. In his packed schedule of domestic appearances since his accession, the King has found time to speak to many world leaders. Last night's reception at Buckingham Palace, for dignitaries invited to the funeral, has been called a mini-United Nations, in some respects overshadowing the official gathering at the UN general assembly in New York this week, to which some leaders have cut short their visits so they can attend the funeral.

It helps that the King already knows many world leaders as a result of his own years of service to the country and the causes close to his heart.

His commitment to the Commonwealth, an important forum for engagement among its 56 members, is clear. And although it is perhaps inevitable that some may choose to become republics during his reign, the fact that even countries with no historical links to Britain wish to join is testimony to the Commonwealth's vitality. Similarly, although the King has rightly pledged to steer clear of political controversy, it must be hoped that he will use his convening power to help put Britain at the forefront of efforts to address global challenges such as climate change, which is no longer a matter of scientific dispute.

Nonetheless, a state funeral cannot alone undo the undoubted damage done to Britain's international standing in recent years. Boris Johnson's response to the Ukraine crisis showed that Britain remains a committed member of the western alliance, but there is no question that the tensions surrounding the former prime minister's Brexit deal and the Northern Irish protocol continue to put strains on relations with allies and neighbours, including America, France and Ireland, at a time of intense geopolitical volatility. Liz Truss, the new prime minister, needs to seize Britain's moment at the centre of global attention to reset its reputation by defusing these tensions. She will have her chance when she attends the United Nations general assembly this week.

World

I'm what you need to win, Trump warns Republicans

United States

Alistair Dawber Youngstown, Ohio

Donald Trump has tried to energise the Republicans' flagging Senate campaign in the key battleground state of Ohio, where a Democratic win would almost certainly enable the party to hold on to the upper house in Congress in November's midterm elections.

Speaking in Youngstown, once an industrial powerhouse, the former president told several thousand supporters on Saturday night to back JD Vance, an author and venture capitalist whose campaign so far has failed to capture voters' imaginations.

"JD is a former marine, highly respected, a Yale-educated lawyer and a brilliant mind who will make Ohio proud," Trump said. "The media and the Washington establishment despise JD Vance because they know he is an America First warrior who has the guts to get the job done."

Trump also told his supporters that "JD is kissing my ass, he wants my support so bad". He added: "I watch my polls in this state, and they just keep going up, up, up — 18 points. I'm 18 points up, if I was 18 points



Trump-backed JD Vance, left, is in a Senate race with Democrat Tim Ryan

down [Vance] wouldn't want my support."

Trump made much of the Democrats' woes, in particular inflation and security on the border with Mexico, where thousands of undocumented migrants cross each day. But by highlighting President Biden's problems, Trump is also demonstrating his own party's failure to capitalise on them. He has intervened to bolster other candidates in close midterm races, especially for the Senate, where several are making heavy weather of winning seats that should be within their grasp.

Vance could prevail in Ohio, but polls indicate it is close. The Democrat candidate, Tim Ryan, a congressman, holds a wafer-thin lead in some surveys. It is a seat that the Republicans have held since 1999. Trump comfortably won the state in 2020.

Invited to the stage during Trump's address, Vance said: "It's great to have the president back in Ohio. We've got to go back to the policies that this guy [Trump] delivered and made this state free and prosperous and secure."

Vance, 38, has not always been such a

Trump enthusiast. "I'm a Never Trump guy. I never liked him," he said in 2016. His newfound admiration for the former president coincided with his decision to run for the Senate.

Should Vance and the other Trump-backed candidates elsewhere fail to be elected and the Senate remain under Democratic control, it would raise questions about Trump's much-talked-about presidential run in 2024.

Some leading Republicans, especially Mitch McConnell, the Senate minority leader, have questioned the quality of some of the party's candidates. On Saturday Trump said McConnell was "being like a Democrat", later adding: "I don't know what his problem is. He is the worst leader. We've got to get him out of there."

The Democrats hold the Senate by the narrowest of margins. Both parties have 50 seats, but in the event of a tie the vice-president, Kamala Harris, has a casting vote.

Until recently the Republicans had been expected to retake the upper chamber, but some races, particularly in Pennsylvania, Georgia and Arizona, appear to be close. In each state the Republican candidate has won Trump's backing.

Trump used his speech to pour scorn on the FBI search last month of his Florida home, part of a justice department investigation into missing classified documents that he is accused of taking from the White House when he left office.

He described the search as an "unprecedented weaponisation of the justice department and the FBI to break into and raid the home of a former president, and the people behind these savage witch hunts have no shame, no morals and absolutely no respect for the citizens of our country".

Towards the end of the rally, background music prompted several in the audience to raise a salute associated with the QAnon, a far-right conspiracy theory group that argues that the world is run by a cabal of paedophiles.

The queue to get into the Covelli Centre stretched around several blocks. Yet the event was smaller than other rallies at which Trump has spoken recently and plenty of empty seats were seen dotted around the arena, even as the former president delivered his one-and-three-quarter-hour speech. But among the faithful there appeared to be unwavering support.

"I'm here because I love Trump, and I'm here supporting JD Vance for Senate. I've followed Trump many times — I've met him at five rallies," said Gail Height, who was wearing a sparkly Trump baseball hat and JD Vance T-shirt. "I hope JD Vance wins — he's a Christian, number one. He has great ideals to make our country better. He'll do a good job."



Donald Trump speaks at a Republican rally in Ohio ahead of the November midterms, which could help decide whether he

Candidates who craved his endorsement

Analysis

Donald Trump's vitriol-fuelled address in Ohio underscored again the dilemma facing Republican candidates as the midterm election race enters its final stretch (writes Hugh Tomlinson).

Trump was reported not to have been invited by JD Vance, the Republican Senate candidate. The former president simply informed Vance that he was coming. He did the same thing a week ago in Pennsylvania, turning up at a rally for Mehmet Oz, his endorsed Senate candidate, despite having had no formal invitation.

Both Vance and Oz were powerless to refuse Trump, and the result for both was the same: a

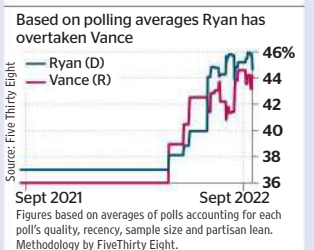
former president railing against the criminal investigations against him, repeating his insistence that he won the 2020 election, and teasing another effort to retake the White House in 2024. On stage in Ohio, he mocked Vance for seeking his support and said that most Republican candidates would lose without his support.

Both Vance and Oz are struggling. Vance holds a narrow lead over the Democrat Tim Ryan, and Oz is trailing badly to John Fetterman.

They and many other candidates are battling to reconcile the Trump effect. His presence, requested or otherwise, whips up his loyalists but risks distancing undecided or more moderate conservative voters.

Republican hopes of making the

Ohio Senate race



midterms a referendum on Biden have been undermined by the maelstrom of controversy that accompanies Trump.

Many candidates who cravenly repeated that the 2020 election was stolen as they vied for Trump's

Old soldiers tell tales of torture at the hands of Russian invaders
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runs in the 2024 presidential election. A group of nuns joined his supporters

are backing away rapidly

endorsement in the primaries have quietly backed away from the claim as the general election nears. Some have performed U-turns. Don Bolduc won the Republican Senate nomination in New Hampshire last week after repeating Trump's claims of voter fraud in 2020, before reversing his position two days later. "I want to be definitive on this: the election was not stolen," he told Fox News.

Other Republican candidates in competitive midterm races are quietly stripping Trump's image and endorsement from their campaign websites in an effort to sway moderate conservative voters appalled by his MAGA movement, with its support for QAnon conspiracy theories and its naked threats of political violence.

Already on the defensive over

social issues such as abortion, many GOP candidates have calculated that they cannot afford to be tied to the criminal investigations accumulating around the former president.

A New York Times/Siena College poll last week found that 60 per cent of independent voters have an unfavourable view of Trump since the FBI seized top secret documents from his Mar-a-Lago resort in Florida.

Even among his loyalists, Trump's endorsement has become a burden in the final scramble for votes. Three days after the former president joined him in Pennsylvania, Oz said that he would have certified Trump's 2020 defeat in the election, and removed mention of his endorsement from his campaign website.

Protesters rip off their hijabs after woman 'killed by police'

Iran
Melanie Swan Dubai

Women threw off their hijabs as thousands of people protested in Iran during the funeral of a 22-year-old apparently battered to death by the "morality police" for not wearing hers. Video showed police firing tear gas into crowds in Saez, Kurdistan province, who had converged for the funeral of Mahsa Amini, who died on Friday in Tehran.

Scores of women removed their headscarves in defiance of a law making it compulsory to wear them, while others shouted "death to the dictator" — a reference to Ayatollah Khamenei, the supreme leader.

Sporadic gunfire could be heard in videos from Sanandaj, the provincial capital, as protesters shouted "Saez is not alone". One man was seen with head injuries apparently caused by birdshot.

Amini was arrested by hijab enforcement officers on Tuesday while she visited relatives in Tehran. It is alleged she was beaten in a van as she was taken to the Vozara Street detention centre, the morality police's notorious jail, for a one-hour "briefing class".

Iran's national news agency claimed Amini had "suddenly collapsed" and that there had been "no physical contact". Police earlier claimed she had suffered a heart attack. However, photographs circulating on social media showed her in hospital with injuries and swelling that suggested she had been battered.

Her death caused protests in Tehran and her family is alleged to have resisted pressure to hold the funeral



Mourners removed their headscarves at the funeral in Saez in protest

ceremony on Saturday in private to avoid large crowds gathering. The authorities say they have launched investigations into the death, but a medical examiner said tests could take three weeks.

Behzad Rahimi, a member of parliament for Saez, told the semi-official ILNA news agency that several people had been wounded at the funeral. "One of them was hospitalised after being hit in the intestines by ballbearings," he said. Hengaw, the Kurdish rights group, said 33 people had been injured.

Iran has stepped up efforts to enforce strict hijab rules in recent months.

Yesterday hundreds of protesters gathered near the University of Tehran shouting "Woman, Life, Freedom", according to online videos.

Souri Babai Chegini, a civil activist who

Photos suggest that Mahsa Amini was beaten

published a video removing her hijab, was arrested in July — the first activist known to have been detained since the anti-hijab protests began. Melika Qaragozlu, another woman filmed taking off her headscarf on social media, was arrested days later.

Kourosh Ziabari, a journalist and commentator, said: "The function of morality police in Iran is not to enforce the compulsory hijab. Its job is ... to marginalise women and make a troubled society more restless. It's not a government's job to instruct people how to dress or which lifestyle to adopt. The story of Amini is a full-scale tragedy."

His sentiments were widely reflected by Iranians inside and outside the country. Hadi Ghaemi, executive director of the Centre for Human Rights in Iran, said: "[This] was not just the death of another innocent woman in Iran state custody, it is murder by state security agents ... part of a systematic pattern that has resulted in hundreds of young Iranians dying at the hands of security forces over the past few years for exercising basic rights."

He said Amini had been among a growing number of Iranian women subjected to violence for trying to express personal freedoms.

A video shared by Iran International showed Amini's aunt at the grave of her niece, crying: "Zhina was martyred for all the young people of this country and has opened the road to freedom for all of us."



Share showers with family to save energy, Swiss urged

Switzerland
Adam Sage

Switzerland's environment minister has said people should save energy by having showers together.

Simonetta Sommaruga, 62, made the suggestion as she sought to promote a package of measures designed to reduce energy use by 15 per cent this winter to avoid the risk of power cuts. Responding to questions on the government's campaign by readers of the 20 Minuten newspaper, she suggested they could "turn off the computer when you don't need it, or turn off lights, or shower together".

The proposal was met with mockery online, forcing Sommaruga to clarify her position in an interview with Tages-Anzeiger. She said the tip had been intended for young people and conceded that "after a certain age, showering together is no longer suitable for everyone". Nevertheless, she insisted the idea broadly had gone down well and had helped to encourage awareness of the need to make savings.

Géraldine Savary, editor of Femina, a women's magazine, was unconvinced, accusing ministers of seeking to "administer our private lives, down to the

most trivial details". In an ironic editorial, she suggested that the Swiss should make love every morning to warm themselves up after turning the heating off at night, have a quick shower together and go off to the office "arm in arm, having left the car, the scooter and the electric bicycle in the garage".

It is not the first time Swiss authorities have suggested joint showers to save energy. In 1985, the federal energy office published a brochure advocating the measure under the slogan: "Less waste and double pleasure."

Switzerland may be rich — with average wealth of \$93,457 per person, compared with \$47,334 in the UK, according to the World Bank — but Sommaruga has said previously that it has a "problem" because of threats to Russian gas supplies. The country does not buy gas from Russia, but it makes purchases from European states that do. The issue is compounded by Switzerland's limited capacity to stock gas, which accounts for 12 per cent of its energy and is used for heating homes.

Authorities have come up with a host of other ideas for saving energy, such as baking cakes without pre-heating the oven.

Judges are given a taste of porridge

Belgium
Bruno Waterfield Brussels

Dozens of senior Belgian judges and prosecutors spent the weekend in a new jail just outside Brussels to get an idea of life behind bars.

Before the opening of the new Haren "prison village", 55 investigating or criminal court judges as well as prosecutors and other justice officials, volunteered to spend time inside. They had to follow the prison regime and spent Saturday night locked up in cells.

"The same meals, the same mandatory activities and work in the kitchen and the laundry, among other things," Vincent Van Quickenborne, the Belgian justice minister, said, adding that "this will no doubt help them to assess whether imprisonment is the best solution for a person who has made a mistake". They were given a safety word — "terminus" — allowing them to be released if claustrophobia or panic set in.

From October, the €1billion prison will replace run-down Brussels jails in Saint-Gilles, Forest and Berkendael and will house 1,190 prisoners.

World

This war is making us pariahs, says pop star honoured by Putin

Russia

Marc Bennetts

One of Russia's biggest celebrities has criticised the Kremlin's war in Ukraine in a move that looks likely to increase the pressure on President Putin.

Alla Pugacheva, a pop star who has been a household name in Russia for decades, spoke out after her husband, Maxim Galkin, was designated a "foreign agent" by the Kremlin. Galkin, a popular comedian, has been a vocal critic of Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

Pugacheva, who has been honoured by the Kremlin on numerous occasions, said that her husband was an honest man who simply wished Russia "prosperity, a peaceful life, freedom of speech and an end to the death of our guys for illusory goals that make our country an outcast".

Pugacheva, 73, asked the justice ministry to also add her to its list of foreign agents, "in solidarity" with Galkin, 46.

Her announcement on Instagram, where she has more than three million followers, could put the Kremlin in a

tight spot. Charging Pugacheva with discrediting the army or spreading "fake" news about the war — both considered crimes in Russia since March — could alienate many of Putin's supporters. Failing to respond to her outburst, however, could encourage others to speak out against the invasion.

The Kremlin is already under pressure from hardliners and nationalists over the collapse of the Russian army in northeast Ukraine.

Abbas Gallyamov, a political analyst, called Pugacheva's statement a "slap in

the face" for Putin. "It's important that she has previously been aloof from politics," he wrote on social media. "Her sudden politicisation could create dangerous sentiments in society for the authorities."

Galkin and Pugacheva fled to Israel at the start of the war as the Kremlin cracked down on dissent. When she returned to Moscow late last month, Pugacheva said she would like to "bash a certain person in the gob", but did not say who she had in mind.

Under Russian law, any person or or-

ganisation that the authorities say is "under foreign influence" can be added to the country's blacklist. "Foreign agents" are barred from receiving state funding and are subject to frequent tax inspections. Media outlets on the list must preface articles with a 24-word disclaimer in capital letters.

Piotr Tolstoy, the deputy speaker of the Russian parliament, said that Pugacheva had "lost touch with reality" and that "decent Russian people" would not support her, adding: "We will win [the war] without her songs."

'Russians beat us senseless in their torture chambers'

Ukraine

Richard Spencer Izyum

The middle-aged men of Izyum speak with shaky voices. When the Russians came the younger men had already fled, and it was the older ones, army veterans especially, who were suspect.

"The first time they took me away, they beat me until I was a vegetable," said Oleksandr Hlushko, 53, who once served in the army and who the Russians thought must be in touch with Ukrainian partisans. After five days in which he had his ribs crushed, was beaten about the head and whipped on the soles of his feet, he was thrown out of a car and dumped by the side of the road.

He was in hospital for six weeks. "If it wasn't for the doctors, I wouldn't be here today," he said at his apartment. He now suffers from "brain-shake", and slurs his words as if he is drunk.

It was similar for Oleksandr Maibor-



Ukrainian investigators have found at least two executed civilians in Izyum



The city was freed nine days ago as Russia fled the Ukrainian advance, but locals lived through six months of occupation

roda, 54, who had been in the territorial defence, said his mother-in-law, Larisa Halitsona. Her daughter, his wife, had fled to Kharkiv early in the invasion. "When I found him, his face was black and blue."

A third man, whose eyes twitched as he spoke, insisted on anonymity, saying he feared the Russians had not really left and would "come and get him again". He said he had been left standing in excrement in a slurry pit for 24 hours before being put in police cells, where he had his ribs broken.

He described how the Russians used the *dyba*, a favourite technique also in Assad's Syria, where a man is suspended by the handcuffs binding his hands behind his back.

Izyum was taken by the Russians in March, a fulcrum between territory they held in the Donbas and their assault on Kharkiv, Ukraine's second city. When they fled from a Ukrainian counteroffensive nine days ago, they left a city in disarray, physically smashed by March's bombing and emotionally by the turmoil of occupation.

Residents lived for six months in the

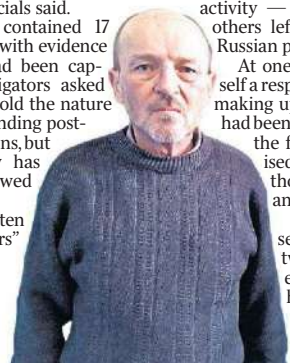
wreckage of their blitzed apartments, they said. They buried the hundreds of dead in a mass burial site next to the town's cemetery in the forest, line after line of graves with wooden crosses.

The Russians added to the cemetery piecemeal. Ukrainian investigators found at least two civilian bodies with hands tied, indicating summary execution. One was a man who had been partially castrated, officials said.

A separate pit contained 17 Ukrainian soldiers, with evidence suggesting they had been captured alive. Investigators asked *The Times* to withhold the nature of that evidence pending post-mortem examinations, but President Zelenskyy has said that they showed signs of torture.

He also said that ten "torture chambers"

Oleksandr Hlushko was beaten, whipped and dumped beside a road



had been found in recaptured towns. In Izyum, locals said scores of men were held in underground cells at the main police station. A visit yesterday showed the dank and dripping rooms had been recently used. Clothing and mattresses were shoved into small spaces.

Hlushko said he was first arrested in April and asked about his time in the army and whether he knew of partisan activity — Ukrainian troops and others left behind to report on Russian positions.

At one point, he earned himself a respite from the beatings by making up a story that partisans had been hiding out in garages in the forest. When they realised he had been lying, though, they came back and beat him harder.

The second time he was seized, he was held for two weeks. They used electrodes attached to his little fingers to give him shocks. "The second time, I almost hit the ceiling," he said.

He added that his fate was better than that of his cellmate, aged 68, who eventually went mad from the abuse. At that point, the Russian held his lower arm down and smashed it with a pipe. The cell mate was said by neighbours to be recovering in hospital.

The man who wished to remain anonymous said he was accused of hiding weapons. "Of course I wasn't." However, they learnt that his brother had been in the army, and went looking for the brother in the city, keeping him in the slurry pit and hoping he would give them information. He told them he had a broken rib from an accident, so they beat him and broke two more. "They beat me every day for five days. They stubbed cigarettes out on my hands."

Valentina Lomarkina, 61, was a rare female occupant, arrested with four others while looking for a mobile phone signal on a hilltop. Threatened by a Chechen soldier with being shot on the spot, she was instead told to report daily to the police station. Two days later, she received a call. A curfew was in place, and the Russians had better things to do. The Ukrainians were coming.

Pelosi woos 'dissatisfied' Kremlin ally

Armenia

Marc Bennetts

Nancy Pelosi promised to support Armenia as a beacon for democracy amid signs that the Kremlin's influence is waning in the former Soviet state.

Pelosi, 82, speaker of the US House of Representatives, is the highest-ranking American official to make a state visit to Armenia since it gained independence from Moscow in 1991.

The visit came after fighting erupted in Armenia last week when Azerbaijan launched artillery and drone attacks in response to what it said were Armenian "provocations". More than 200 people were killed before a ceasefire, mediated by Washington, came into force on Wednesday.

Speaking in Yerevan, the Armenian

Nancy Pelosi said that Armenia's democracy was a "joy to the world"



capital, Pelosi said: "The democracy in Armenia is a value to the world, a joy to the world." She accused Azerbaijan, which is supported by Turkey, of an "assault on [Armenian] sovereignty".

Armenia is a member of the Collective Security Treaty Organisation (CSTO), a six-nation military alliance with Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia and Tajikistan — all former Soviet states. Nikol Pashinyan, the Armenian prime minister, appealed for military assistance from the CSTO, but this was turned down and the alliance sent a fact-finding mission instead.

Alen Simonyan, the Armenian parliamentary speaker, compared the CSTO to a gun that did not fire bullets. "We are very dissatisfied, of course," he said. "We expect more tangible steps from our Russian partners." He also said that American assistance was "vitally important" for Armenian statehood and praised the US Congress as a "reliable partner", a comment that could cause anger in Moscow.

Russia has a military base in Armenia that is usually home to thousands of troops. It is believed to have deployed about 1,000 of them to Ukraine to boost its faltering invasion.

Some analysts have suggested that Azerbaijan may be checking Russia's ability to defend its ally. "They want to test Russian resolve at a time of failure in Ukraine, see how strong the commitment in the CSTO is to defend Armenia," Thomas de Waal, an analyst at the Carnegie Europe think tank, wrote on Twitter.

Azerbaijan accused Pelosi of "unsubstantiated and unfair" allegations. It also said that she had dealt a "serious blow" to peace efforts.

Street gangs fight to control LA's cannabis black market

United States

Keiran Southern Los Angeles

A wooden sign featuring a green medical cross placed on the pavement outside a shop in east Los Angeles is what alerts you first. This is no pharmacy.

Behind the front door is an empty room leading to a locked gate manned by a guard, who eyes customers carefully before waving them through.

Only then do buyers access the illegal cannabis operation, one of many flourishing near Whittier Boulevard, with police apparently unable to stop new ones cropping up despite concern that they fuel violent crime and cripple legitimate businesses.

Unburdened by the onerous taxes and regulations that legal dispensaries in California must contend with, the illicit stores can offer marijuana at much cheaper prices.

This, campaigners say, is a sign that the state's well-intentioned experiment to legalise cannabis is failing and has created a thriving black market for untested and unregulated products, all while serving as a hotbed for crime.

"The illegal market still dominates California, just about everywhere," said Adam Spiker, co-founder of the Southern California Coalition, a cannabis trade association. "I have a pretty large network and I don't talk to anyone that picks up the phone and talks about how rosy and glorious things are going as a licensed business in California."

At the shop on Whittier Boulevard, a strain called "Mike Tyson" was billed as a "knockout" and advertised for \$25 for 3.5g – less than half what customers may expect to pay on the legal market.

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department believes there are now up to 30 illegal dispensaries operating in the city's east – the most of any of its patrol regions. Many are on Whittier Boulevard, where they hide behind mundane signs for insurance policies.

An illegal dispensary visited by *The Times* appeared to be doing strong trade, with a steady stream of customers passing through its doors. The operators of similar stores, according to police reports, often are arrested with about \$1,000 in cash, a supply of cannabis and a gun. The lack of protection in

the illegal trade makes violence more likely, police say, with owners, staff and customers vulnerable to being robbed or killed.

Vito Ceccia, the detective supervisor who oversees the enforcement of unlicensed cannabis shops for the LAPD, said Proposition 64, which legalised recreational cannabis after being passed by California voters in 2016, lowered the penalties related to the drug. Instead of arrests, police rely on a "progressive enforcement strategy", which includes turning off the power and water of stores hosting illegal operations and locking their doors.

The infamous gangs of Los Angeles are getting in on the act, according to law enforcement. Two of the area's largest gangs, Varrio Nuevo Estrada and East LA-13, have opened dispensaries of their own, according to the *Los Angeles Times*. These shops also sell methamphetamine, heroin and guns, fuelling their internecine rivalry.

The drug trade is fuelling homicide and violent crime, both of which are on the rise in California. That, in turn, has led to an exodus from the Democratic-run state. California lost more than 352,000 people between April 2020 and January this year, official figures show. There were 2,361 killings in California last year, surpassing 2020's figure by more than 150, while the violent crime rate also increased, according to state figures. Property crimes rose while the total arrest rate fell.

Matthew Kahn, an economics professor at the University of Southern California, said crime was a major factor behind people leaving. He added that since the death of George Floyd in 2020, when a national movement was launched to restrain the power of the police, cities across California had struggled with lawlessness.

Kahn said: "There's a belief in recent years that California public services have declined in quality. And so for middle-class families who use public parks, who use public schools, who use public transit and pay very high taxes, the quality of public services has been quite low. And that's a push factor encouraging middle-class people to the places [like] Dallas, Phoenix, Las Vegas and other competitive areas."



Fancy a beer? Revellers at the Oktoberfest in Munich, the first to be held since the start of the pandemic, get in line for a stein

Alcoholics, but no longer anonymous

Will Pavia New York

A year to the day that Carly Benson stopped drinking, she celebrated her first "soberversary" with some kite-surfing in the Dominican Republic. She also did something that was still quite unusual at the time: she talked about her newfound sobriety openly, in blog posts online.

Fourteen years later, the "soberversary" has entered the vocabulary of a new generation of former drinkers who make the announcement not in a church basement, among a group of men and women who give only their first name, but openly and proudly on social media.

A small industry has sprung up to aid



Chrissy Teigen proudly announced her "soberversary" on Instagram

their celebrations, producing greetings cards and coffee mugs that declare the holder to be a "Booze Free Babe" or a "Hooch Free Hunk", as well as apps that allow the user to chart their history of living without alcohol.

Soberversaries are frequently announced with a selfie and with a few reflections on lessons learnt. "Haven't become wiser or enlightened in any way but still alive at least," wrote Blythe

Smith, a Finnish artist, announcing her soberversary recently.

Chrissy Teigen, the model and television personality, announced her first soberversary this year with an Instagram post saying she missed "feeling loopy and care-free" but lamenting how little she could remember of award shows, modelling shoots and days out with her family.

Benson, who runs digital sobriety courses, said she did not want to "talk trash" about Alcoholics Anonymous and acknowledged that it worked for many. "But I don't like the idea that it's a disease or that you are stuck with this for the rest of your life and you need to call yourself this label," she added. "For me it felt very limiting."

EU freezes 'corrupt' Hungary's cash

Hungary

Bruno Waterfield Brussels

Brussels has frozen European Union funding to Hungary worth up to 5 per cent of its annual GDP.

Johannes Hahn, the European budget commissioner, warned Hungary that it had until November 19 to implement "remedial measures" in order to get the €75 billion amid concerns about corruption.

"It's about breaches of the rule of law compromising the use and management of EU funds," Hahn said. "We cannot conclude that the EU budget is sufficiently protected."

The European Commission's deci-

sion is the first time that EU funding has been cut to a member state.

Viktor Orban, the Hungarian prime minister, is frequently at loggerheads with the bloc over "rule of law" disputes, ranging from gay rights to judicial independence. His administration is widely suspected of using EU funds to enrich Orban's inner circle and cronies close to his nationalist Fidesz Party, which recently won a fourth consecutive landslide electoral victory.

Next week the Hungarian government, which has a large parliamentary majority, is expected to table a series of draft laws to overhaul public procurement, with a new independent authority that can overrule decisions on

tenders for EU funds. A supervisory body will be created for oversight of public prosecutors that can review decisions on corruption investigations amid accusations that figures close to Orban benefit from spending abuses.

Last week MEPs accused the Hungarian leader of using his repeated landslide victories at the ballot box to carry out a "constitutional coup", creating "a hybrid regime of electoral autocracy".

"It is fatal that Orban can still avert these sanctions before the end of the year with a few pseudo-reforms," Daniel Freund, a German Green MEP, said. "Hungary is no longer a democracy and [the commission's] move will not change that."

Bus drivers keep an eye on the ball while at the wheel

Italy

Tom Kington Rome

Bus drivers in Rome caught sleeping and watching football matches on their phones while at the wheel have been vilified as the latest symbols of the city's struggling public transport system.

In the most recent incident, a driver was filmed by a passenger as he piloted a bus through the busy centre of Rome on Thursday while he was watching a match on his phone being played by Lazio, one of Rome's two biggest clubs. Passengers reported that the driver

braked suddenly during dramatic moments in the game, which had six goals. The driver was suspended from duty, as was a colleague said to have nodded off while driving a night bus this month, causing the vehicle to mount a pavement and smash into a bus stop.

After reports of massive absenteeism by Rome's public transport staff, the latest antics by bus drivers made them the perfect symbol of the city's "unstoppable decline", alongside "omnipotent" taxi drivers and underperforming rubbish collectors, *La Repubblica*, an Italian daily, claimed.

World

New York saint's day is no place for sinners

On a narrow street in Little Italy made narrower by stalls selling clams and pizza and *cannoli*, a retired restaurateur named Anthony Capp stood at a drinks' stand, lamenting how things had changed (Will Pavia writes).

It was the first day of the Feast of San Gennaro. "Years ago, it was all families", he said. "All neighbourhood people running the stands. Now it's corporate, except for a few."

It is a common refrain in Little Italy and almost a tradition in itself. Families have moved to Staten Island and New Jersey, the neighbourhood has shrunk, rents have risen.

On the churchyard where the statue of San

Gennaro used to be kept at each year's festival, there is now a block of flats, so the patron saint and protector of Naples is parked in the street during the 11 days of the feast.

It is a far cry from the scenes of Little Italy heaving with locals beloved by movie directors, and depicted in films such as *The Godfather Part II*, where a young Vito Corleone winds his way along a packed Mulberry Street, or used as a backdrop to the life of Charlie Cappa in *Mean Streets*.

The feast has fought to shed its unwelcome association with the mob, prompted by a campaign in 1996 by Rudy Giuliani, then mayor, who threatened to close it down unless organisers rooted out



The Feast of San Gennaro acts as an annual reunion in Little Italy for many families who moved away as rents increased

of the great mandolin players of all time" was on stage picking out the tune of the West Side Story song *Tonight*.

Further down Mulberry Street, past game stalls, the vice-president of the feast, John Fratta, was giving final directions to a small brass band assembled beside the statue of San Gennaro.

The band struck up the *Star-Spangled Banner*. The crowd stopped moving, people put their hands on their hearts. Emily DePalo, 69, who was guarding the statue, watched them. "The best part of it is we see all the people who used to live here," she said. She is one who remains. "It's a dying art, no one lives here anymore," she said. "We are like dinosaurs."

corruption. Stalls are also banned from selling anything referencing mob films or the mafia.

The festival, which continues all this week,

still serves as an annual reunion, drawing families back to the neighbourhood, along with vast crowds. "It really is something at

night, when all the lights are on," said Jean, 82, who was selling T-shirts with the symbol of the saint branded on a baseball. "It makes you

feel like you are in Italy." Behind her, a man in an enormous double-breasted suit jacket and a pork pie hat, described by an announcer as "one

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FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT

Paris is aghast as a luxury housing developer finds room alongside millionaires for those who once lived on the street

Adam Sage

PARIS



On the Left Bank of the Seine, nestling between the Eiffel Tower and the glass-fronted Beaugrenelle shopping centre, is exactly the sort of building Paris no longer wants. The six-storey, concrete Renault garage may have come in handy a few years ago when we wanted to get our Scénic repaired, but to the capital's leftist council it is the legacy of an industrial era best forgotten.

Now the garage, founded in 1954 by General Motors, is being transformed into a symbol of the city's sometimes contradictory drive to be both luxurious and open to everyone. The site has been chosen for a housing development aimed at multimillionaires on one hand and down-and-outs on the other.

Let's start with the multimillionaires. Designed by Groupe Capelli, the plans include 47 opulent flats with balconies up to 65ft long and unencumbered views of the Eiffel Tower. The most expensive, measuring almost 2,800 sq ft, is on sale for €10.5 million (£9.2 million).

Investors from the United States, South Korea and China, as well as France, have enquired about Scène des Loges, as the

development has been named, and seven flats were snapped up within weeks of going on sale. Christophe Capelli, 49, the developer's chairman, said purchasers had been drawn by the opportunity to acquire property on one of the most prized sites in France, perhaps even in Europe.

Yet his development also will feature 35 council flats: some are earmarked for low and middle-income workers, such as teachers and restaurant staff, unable to afford private sector prices in Paris; others are for people "in a situation of social isolation or exclusion" whose lives have been "marked by repeated spells [of living] in the street", to quote the French government website.

Le Parisien took this to mean wealthy families who bought into Capelli's development would find themselves rubbing shoulders with the homeless — and its headline set off alarm bells among local councillors concerned that American and Asian investors might not be so keen on the idea. They were at pains to insist that the newspaper's interpretation was not strictly true. For one thing, there will be separate entrance halls. For another, none of the future occupants of the *pensions de famille*, as the flats for the socially excluded are called, will wander in from

The apartments will have stunning views

the street, at least not directly. Some might have experienced spells of homelessness in the past, but all will have been housed elsewhere before moving to Scène des Loges.

Capelli added that his company was "proud" to be building social housing alongside luxury flats, although he conceded that it didn't have much choice in the matter. Paris planning rules stipulate that council flats must constitute at least 30 per cent of any new housing development.

The council says it wants to avoid transforming the city into an enclave for the rich, ensuring that it also retains ordinary working families, not to mention those on welfare.

The former Renault garage is one of the most eye-catching projects in a series designed to meet that aim, under a policy entitled *Réinventer Paris*. Others involve putting flats on the site of a Citroën garage in the east of the city and at the former Paris Hospital Authority headquarters in the centre.

Ian Brossat, 42, the Communist deputy mayor of Paris who is in charge of housing in the city, said the aim was twofold. "On the one hand, it is a question of transforming industrial buildings that no longer have any place in the heart of the city," he said. "On the other, it improves diversity."

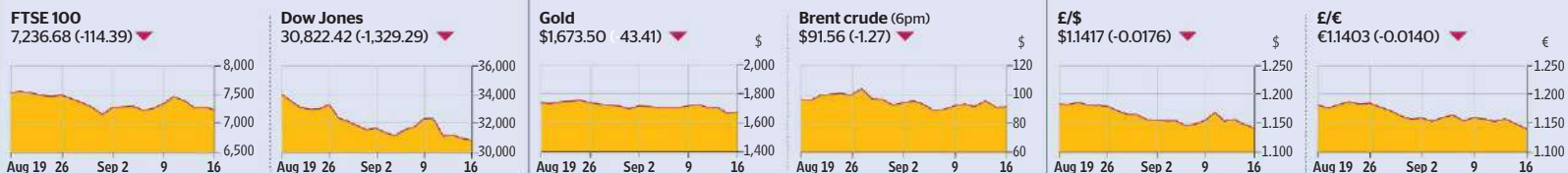
One might wonder what Parisians will do if they want their cars to be repaired in this new world, but this is not really a problem. Two thirds of the city's residents no longer possess a vehicle and the proportion

that does is declining all the time, largely as a result of council policy of favouring bicycles and public transport. The others can always cross the ring road into suburbs with right-wing mayors, where private vehicles and garages still flourish.



Business

WORLD MARKETS (Friday's close, change on the week)



COMMODITIES

CURRENCIES

Bank of England faces crucial rates decision as mini-budget looms

Mehreen Khan Economics Editor

The Bank of England is facing calls to drastically raise interest rates this week in the face of expected higher inflation caused by emergency fiscal spending and to help prop up the value of sterling.

The Bank's monetary policy committee meets this Thursday for a delayed interest rate decision following the death of the Queen. The meeting will be held a day before Kwasi Kwarteng,

the chancellor, is due to announce tax cuts worth an estimated £30 billion, and spending worth upwards of £100 billion to fund an emergency energy price cap freeze. Last week the pound slumped to its weakest level against the dollar since 1985.

George Sarvelos, currency strategist at Deutsche Bank, said the central bank must adopt a more hawkish stance to support sterling, which has been hit by the strength of the dollar

and fears over the UK's perennial current account deficit. "The exchange rate is vulnerable to extreme dislocation if the Bank of England does not step up its response," Sarvelos said.

Sterling's slump coincides with the 30-year anniversary of Black Wednesday, when the UK was forced out of the Exchange Rate Mechanism on the back of the currency's collapse.

Sarvelos said that any new balance of payments crisis would not mirror

either 1992 or Britain's need for a bailout from the International Monetary Fund in 1976 as sterling is not in a currency peg. He warned that the pound was still "exposed to severe balance of payments funding problems" owing to the 8 per cent current account deficit.

Economists and money markets are split over whether the MPC will vote to stick with a 50-basis-point rise this month, taking rates to 2.25 per cent, or choose a more aggressive 75-basis-

point rise, to 2.5 per cent, after inflation data for August pointed to growing price pressures in the economy.

Incoming fiscal stimulus of about £100 billion is likely to stoke inflationary pressures in the economy and could force the Bank to act more aggressively.

Huw Pill, the Bank's chief economist, hinted this month that the government's energy price cap guarantee would help to drive inflation.

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Power firms U-turn over windfall tax

Alternatives even more expensive, say companies

Emily Gosden Energy Editor

Some of Britain's biggest electricity generators believe they should be subjected to a windfall tax rather than being pushed into signing cut-price power supply contracts this winter.

The idea of a one-off levy is gaining popularity amid fears that other proposals for tackling excess profits may be too complex to implement at short notice and could be even more damaging, according to industry executives.

Rising gas prices have inflated wholesale electricity prices, pushing up energy bills and resulting in windfall profits for some companies.

Liz Truss has pledged that the government will subsidise a freeze on energy bills for households and businesses, with details of the business support package expected this week. She has so far ruled out a windfall tax.

Truss wants to reduce wholesale power costs by getting generators to sign long-term contracts to supply electricity below high market rates. The industry has backed the idea of companies entering into such contracts voluntarily. Ministers are understood to have held talks with companies including Orsted, RWE, SSE, ScottishPower, Drax, Vattenfall, EDF and Octopus.

People familiar with the talks say some executives have been alarmed by ministers pushing to introduce such contracts before winter and fear this could inflict huge losses on those that have already hedged some of their power output for coming months below market prices.

Senior executives at several power

generation groups, speaking on condition of anonymity, told *The Times* that while they did not want a windfall tax, they now believed it may be the best option for this winter, since it would only target actual profits.

One said they would back a windfall tax if it was "implemented in a fair way and doesn't stifle investment — so you get allowances if you're going to continue to invest". Another senior executive said: "I don't think anybody thinks that anything other than a windfall tax is the best way forward."

It marks an extraordinary change of tune after a furious industry backlash when a windfall tax was first mooted by Rishi Sunak in May. The former chancellor considered including power companies within his "energy profits levy" on North Sea oil and gas producers, which increased the tax rate and offered tax breaks for investment.

Several big generators and lobby groups have backed voluntary contracts. However, they are now concerned about how this will be implemented. An industry source said: "Some of the generators have been saying, 'Why don't we just do a windfall tax? It's going to be time-limited, there's going to be a nice reinvestment clause as per the oil and gas one'. I think that would probably be the preference."

The proposed long-term contracts assume companies sell their power at short notice in the market, and require them to pay back the difference between the market price and the agreed price to consumers.

Hedging is a financial strategy used

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For Queen and country The globemaker Bellerby & Co is among the 6,000 firms to have received the Queen's Award for Enterprise since the scheme began in 1965. The company was recognised for overseas trade. Seal of approval, pages 34-35

Young cash in with risky crypto bets

Dominic Walsh

Youthful investors who have little or no interest in crusty old bonds and gilts are increasingly turning to the bright lights of bitcoin and meme stocks.

In the past year, capital gains tax bills for the under-35s have more than doubled to £421 million.

There was a rise in interest in investment among young people during the pandemic, with meme stocks and cryptocurrencies proving more popular with the under-35s than with older investors, according to Growthdeck, a provider of tax-efficient investments.

Investing in so-called meme stocks that gain popularity through social media came to the fore when retail investors mobilised on platforms such

as the WallStreetBets forum, on the Reddit website, to drive up the prices of companies that professional investors had bet against. These included GameStop, a struggling video games and electronics retailer.

The amount of capital gains tax to be paid during the tax year to April 2021 jumped from £192 million to £421 million. That year, according to Growthdeck, bitcoin hit a high of more than £44,000, which prompted some investors to cash out, creating big taxable gains.

Amy Shrivs, business development director at Growthdeck, said that youthful investors may find that large, and unexpected capital gains bills "can dampen the mood a little".

Mike Warburton, a leading tax ac-

countant, said: "My concern is that many with gains will not be in self-assessment and won't realise that they are obliged to notify HMRC by October 5."

Stock markets and the value of key cryptocurrencies such as bitcoin have dipped markedly over the past 12 months and there have been concerns about young people backing risky investments.

The most recent trending meme stock is the US retailer Bed Bath & Beyond, whose share price briefly rose more than fourfold in ten days last month. Before that the most heavily traded meme stocks were BlackBerry, the phone company turned cybersecurity firm, and AMC Entertainment, the cinema chain, which has been hit by the pandemic.

Business

Need to know

1 A reality check is needed on Liz Truss's plans to lift a ban on fracking for shale gas, one of her most senior climate change advisers has said. Aside from handling the environmental impact, Lord Deben said fracking would be "very expensive" and would not make any difference to soaring gas prices because these were fixed internationally. **Page 16**

2 England's green belt has expanded for the first time in more than a decade, but the increase is expected to be short-lived because of pressure for new housing. Land designated as green belt jumped by 1.5 per cent in the year up to March, but this masks declines in several parts of the country, campaigners said. **Page 18**

3 Some of Britain's biggest electricity generators believe they should be subjected to a windfall tax rather than being pushed into signing new cut-price power supply contracts this winter. The idea of a one-off levy is gaining popularity amid fears that alternative proposals could be even more damaging. **Page 33**

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5 Youthful investors who have little or no interest in crusty old bonds and gilts are increasingly turning to bitcoin and meme stocks. In the past year, capital gains tax bills for the under-35s have more than doubled to £421 million. **Page 33**

6 Commercial property values across the UK could fall by as much as 15 per cent by the end of next year as rising interest rates make financing deals more expensive and the risk of recession threatens to slow rental growth, a leading asset manager has warned. Schroders says investors are becoming more cautious about how much they are willing to pay.

7 First-time buyers, faced with rising interest rates, are taking up mortgages that last for the duration of their working lives at record levels. The uptake of mortgages lasting 30 years or longer increased at the fastest pace on record in June.

8 Royal Mail may have to cancel its dividend and sell property if it is going to weather the storm of a falling parcels delivery market and worsening industrial relations, Standard & Poor's, the credit rating agency, has warned. **Page 36**

9 Casa do Frango, dubbed the posh Nando's, has a mere two restaurants up against the 453 outlets of its South African peri-peri chicken rival. But in London, the Portuguese upstart could soon start to close the gap as it announces new sites. **Page 36**

10 Advent International is among private equity firms eyeing a counterbid for GB Group after the revelation that GTCR is considering making a cash offer for the British tech company. **Page 36**

Royal stamp of approval



The Queen's Award for Enterprise has been a boost for trade as well as conferring prestige, **Caroline Bullock** writes

Packed into Buckingham Palace's state rooms among the Rembrandts and fellow winners of the Queen's Awards for Enterprise, Rupert Welch, of the tableware brand Robert Welch, recalls having Her Majesty's full attention.

"As soon as I mentioned we were a family business she became very interested and we had a long conversation, which I really hadn't expected," says the 59-year-old son of the eponymous founder, whose stainless-steel cutlery designs grew into a £21 million turnover business that is still based at his original workshop in Gloucestershire.

"Winning the awards really opened doors for us, particularly in Asia and the US, but it was who we met as a result of winning that seems more important — especially now. I have to say, meeting the Queen was the best experience of my life."

Launched in 1965, these awards are the highest official recognition British businesses can receive. There have been more than 6,000 winners, large

and small, with close to 4,500 companies recognised for excellence in international trade. Other categories include technological innovation and sustainable development, which recognises environmental achievements by companies. The first batch of winners, announced in 1966, included famous marques such as Rolls-Royce, Pringle and Doulton China.

Five years on from Welch's encounter with the Queen, his two awards for innovation and international trade are about to expire, meaning the use of the award logo on marketing material must end. Attention is turning to next year's round, which is expected to take the King's name.

The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy is awaiting consultation with the new monarch before confirmation of any change to an initiative that since its inception has had nearly 60,000 entrants.

However, the lord-lieutenant of Surrey, Michael Molyneux, one of the 98 sovereign's representatives who present the trophies to their respective counties' winners, anticipates business as usual: "They give public recognition to the kind of excellence in our country which [the King] devotes much of his

Meeting the monarch is a highlight. In 2004 Graham Rhodes collected an innovation award for Air Products



Tajinder Banwait's business Urban Apothecary has a Queen's Award for Enterprise;

life to encouraging and celebrating." Welch also expects a seamless transition and hopes to reclaim the "best endorsement you can get" now that the business's growth has been restored after the pandemic, bolstered by new trade in the form of supplying hotels in Zambia and Kenya.

"It's not a process for the faint-hearted but definitely worth it," he adds of

the detailed application, which will be read and assessed by the awards committee and the prime minister's office before being sent to the monarch for final approval. "I think with the last [application] we were dipping in and out of it for a year. It's a real learning curve but we got it on the first attempt."

It may explain why with the 2023 awards deadline over a year away, Chris

Commercial property 'could fall 15%'

Emma Powell

Commercial property values across the UK could fall by as much as 15 per cent by the end of next year as rising interest rates make financing deals more expensive and the risk of recession threatens to slow rental growth, an asset manager has warned.

The full impact of rising borrowing costs is yet to show up in official data, according to Nick Montgomery, Schroders' head of UK real estate investment, but transactional evidence shows that investors are becoming more cautious about how much they are willing to pay for some types of property.

The value of commercial real estate such as warehouses and central London offices has risen sharply over the past decade, which has compressed the yield generated for institutional

investors by owning these assets. Commercial landlords make money when the rental yield outweighs borrowing costs.

"You need a higher yield to start with to compensate you for what we're seeing with rising rates," Montgomery said.

Five-year swap rates, used to determine finance terms for borrowers fixing debt, have risen to 3.60 per cent, from 2.45 per cent in August and 0.55 per cent in September last year. Based upon higher swap rates and a slowdown in consumer spending, property values are likely to be 15 per cent lower at the end of next year than they were at the end of last year, according to Montgomery, who manages the London-listed Schroder Real Estate Trust.

For types of property whose prices have risen the most, such as large warehouses let to Amazon, the cost of bor-

rowing can be higher than the yield generated, which is "effectively leading to deficit financing", Montgomery said.

The prospect of a continued decline in consumer spending, which could strain retailers' ability to pay higher rents or cause them to go bust, might cause shopping centres and high street retail property to fall even further, Montgomery added.

Property values have started to weaken as investors become more cautious. The yield attached to prime industrial property had risen to 3.75 per cent in July from 3.5 per cent in June and 3.25 per cent in May, according to data from the real estate services group Savills. This is "probably the fastest we've seen the market correct", according to Mat Oakley, head of Savills' commercial research team, representing a fall in value of 5-15 per cent.

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to limit risks and some companies have already hedged much of their expected output at prices well below market rates. If they are now forced into new government contracts, they would have to buy back their hedged positions, incurring huge losses.

Adam Berman, deputy director for policy at Energy UK, said it was "concerned that the government is looking to implement this before hedges have expired, which could cause significant adverse consequences for generators".

Tom Glover, UK boss of RWE, said: "It's important that the government take into account those generators that have hedged forward. If generators were forced to unwind their existing hedges, that could have significant negative financial consequences."

A government source said that "generators' hedging arrangements will be considered when exploring options".

carries its own unique reward



Hammer Films was an early winner in 1968: from left, Peter Cushing, Veronica Carlson, Christopher Lee and Barbara Ewing

Akers, managing director of Titan Steel Wheels, already has the application for the innovation category in his pocket.

A small Kidderminster-based division of the US giant Titan International with a 110-year heritage in wheel-making, latterly for yellow goods industrial trucks and equipment, the business won the first of four awards in 1996 but is never complacent. "It's that extra bit

of magic your competitors don't have and if we win again, we'll have awards from both the King and Queen, which feels a pretty good validation of what we've achieved," says Akers, who has previously triumphed three times in the export category.

With 97 per cent of Titan's products exported — "There isn't a country in the world that doesn't have a set of our

wheels rolling in it" — Akers says it's a success rooted in the specialist skills and long service of a 400-strong team that has had to adapt over the years.

A takeover in the 1980s demanded the plant switch tack from a focus on the then profitable bus and truck industry to yellow goods, including quarrying equipment and forklift trucks. "At the time this was a grotty product,

A new sustainable age

Winners of the Queen's award for sustainable development expect the category to assume even greater prominence under the new monarch (Caroline Bullock writes).

"His reign comes at a time when environmental issues have never been more at the forefront of the public agenda," says Simon Spinks, chairman of the Leeds-based bedmakers Harrison Spinks, whose sheep wool-filled mattresses aim to replace the foam and chemically treated iterations that end up in landfill. He met the future King when Charles was launching the Campaign for Wool in 2010.

"His passion for this natural product and industry was so impressive," Spinks says. "I think it's inevitable that, because of his personal interest in the environment and sustainability, we're going to see more entrants in the sustainability category. And that's got to be a good thing, not just for the awards, but ultimately for the planet."

Rebecca Alford, brand manager at the second-hand bookseller World of Books, agrees. Headquartered at Goring-by-Sea, West Sussex, the £100 million turnover operation was set up 20 years ago after the co-founder, Simon Downes, saw a discarded bag of books outside a charity shop going to waste.

What began as a business selling books from charity shops and car boot sales on Amazon and eBay has expanded to a website and app that allows customers to sell unwanted books, a "circular economy" model that sells 12 million books a year in 170 countries and helps reduce the number of new reprinted editions.

"The Queen's award recognises we were quite early to this space and the impact of wider initiatives, from funding literacy projects in Africa to saving 26,000 tonnes of paper," Alford says. She will certainly be entering what are expected to become the King's Awards.

service are chosen to attend the winners' reception at the Palace.

For many it can be hard to quantify the impact of a touch of royal soft power on commercial performance, but for others the numbers are clear.

The wool bedding specialist Woolroom, Rutland's only business to date to have received a Queen's award, has seen a 70 per cent rise in US trade in the 12-month period since winning.

Meanwhile the Leicester-based Urban Apothecary, which this year became the first candle brand to win for international trade, points to a 25 per cent rise in sales, notably driven by its distributors in the Commonwealth countries of Canada, Australia, New Zealand.

Outside its factory on an industrial estate, the Queen's award winner flag flies at half-mast. Inside, the team of 20 includes the founder Tajinder Banwait's parents, who came out of retirement to join the ten-year-old business, which hand-makes 10,000 soy wax candles a week. It has a £10 million turnover, with sales through Selfridges, Fenwick, House of Fraser and Harvey Nichols in Hong Kong.

As soon as export trade had grown sufficiently to meet the criteria, Banwait applied for the award, fulfilling a long-held ambition.

"Once you get to the point where you're trading in 30 countries you start thinking, 'what more do I want to do?' and it came down to wanting recognition and having the highest honour, which is what the Queen's award is," Banwait, 43, says.

As part of the cohort of most recent winners, she admits that a degree of uncertainty has hung over the proceedings, as she delays putting the winner's emblem on products despite pressure from her overseas distributors wanting to capitalise on the connection.

Meanwhile, a shortage in glass supply used for the winner's crystal trophy has delayed the presentation carried out by the lord-lieutenant, though meeting Prince Charles, as he then was, at the Palace reception proved to be a highlight.

"He was so interested in how our products are hand-poured and meeting him has given me an even greater respect for the work the royal family do and their time and commitment to enterprise," Banwait says.

"With the award only lasting for five years, we'll enter again. That's what I like most about it: the process rolls on and it's all about maintaining consistency and excellence over the years."

Very much like the late monarch.

Low demand shadow over jobs figure

Arthi Nachiappan
Economics Correspondent

The low rate of unemployment is disguising a lack of demand within the economy, a former member of the Bank of England's monetary policy committee warns.

Demand must be boosted to address under-employment, according to David Blanchflower, an economist at Dartmouth College in the United States, who was on the committee during the 2008 financial crisis.

Though unemployment is close to historic lows at 3.8 per cent, the level of under-employment — the proportion of workers not working as many hours as they would like — has not fallen back to pre-financial crisis levels.

The level of under-employment reached 2.5 per cent in May, according

to the latest figures. This means that a historically high proportion of workers are prepared to take on more work on their current wage. However, employers do not have a need for extra hours because there is not enough demand for their goods and services.

The proportion of under-employed workers fell to below 2 per cent before the financial crisis in the late 2000s, according to figures from the Office for National Statistics.

High levels of under-employment typically pull down pay. This is because companies have access to workers ready to work more hours, so firms do not have to attract new staff with higher pay offers. Blanchflower said: "If people wanted more hours and there were lots of hours out there, there'd be a huge rise in people taking second jobs, because that would be a way around the hours

constraints [at their current job], but there hasn't been. All of that adds up to the fact that I think labour demand is too low. The economy is nowhere near full employment."

There was a slight fall in working hours recorded, from 16.8 hours a week in the first quarter of the year to 16.4 hours a week in the second.

Blanchflower said it was hard to know what was happening in the UK and US labour market since the pandemic, because of sampling issues and the problem of weighting the survey figures correctly. The longer term trends show that while unemployment has fallen back to pre-crisis levels, under-employment remains high.

The workers most likely to be under-employed are those with fewer educational qualifications, ethnic minority workers and the young.

Mortgages of 30 years and beyond grow at record pace

Mehreen Khan

First-time buyers faced with rising interest rates are taking up mortgages that last for the duration of their working lives at record levels.

The uptake of mortgages lasting 30 years or longer increased at the fastest pace on record in June, according to figures from UK Finance, and included nearly half of all first-time buyers.

Rising interest rates have piled on affordability pressures in a housing market where prices have continued to rise, despite fears of a recession. The Bank of England has raised rates six consecutive times and is on course to lift its main base rate above 2 per cent for the first time since 2008 this week.

Two in five of the mortgages taken out in June were for more than 30 years. UK Finance data showed that 47 per cent of first-time buyers took up mortgages of 30 years or longer. The average age of a first-time buyer is 32, meaning mortgages beyond 30 years will take many to close to the end of their working lives.

The digital lender Perenna was granted a licence from the Bank of England this month to offer fixed-rate mortgages that run for 50 years.

A record 85 per cent of mortgaged home owners are fixing their rates, according to the Financial Conduct Authority. The figure for new buyers showed 95.5 per cent on fixed-rate mortgages in the second quarter.

Business



Royal Mail is struggling to deliver profits in the UK as the online shopping boom fades and its workforce threatens more strike action over the company's pay offer

Royal Mail in a tight spot as it fights to avoid debt downgrade

Robert Lea Industrial Editor

Royal Mail may have to cancel its dividend and sell off property if it is going to weather the storm of a falling parcels delivery market and worsening industrial relations this winter.

That is the warning from Standard & Poor's, the credit rating agency, which has put the privatised postal group on negative watch with the possibility of a downgrade of its debt to a "speculative" for bond investors. Poorer ratings mean more expensive borrowing.

The warning came as S&P calculated that Royal Mail's funds-from-operations-to-debt ratio — a key metric for calculating whether a company can service its borrowing from income alone — has fallen below 45 per cent, a red flag for the ratings agency.

Having posted record profits during the pandemic through the boom in online shopping and home deliveries, Royal Mail in the UK is losing £1 million

a day. That market has gone from returning to normality to worsening as consumer confidence withers in the face of a cost of living crunch and an impending recession. Online shopping fell 9.5 per cent year on year, official figures for August show.

Royal Mail, which can trace its roots to 1516 when the first postal service was set up during the reign of Henry VIII, has two main businesses: its British-based letters and parcels operations that carry the Royal Mail brand; and its GLS international division.

The group is being propped up by its successful and profitable European and US courier operations, which it has said it may demerge. The group is carrying £985 million of net debt, which has doubled year on year.

The company has warned that its financial position will worsen if it cannot reach an agreement with striking postal workers in a dispute over pay. The pay deal is also tied to changes in

parcel sorting automation which the company argues need to happen to return the business to profitability.

S&P says if Royal Mail falls below that 45 per cent threshold it will look again at its BBB rating. "The negative outlook reflects that we could downgrade Royal Mail in the next 12 to 24

£1m

Daily losses at Royal Mail in its UK operations

Source: Royal Mail

months," the agency said. It is forecasting sharply falling operating income from a 6 per cent to 8 per cent fall in parcel volumes this financial year, with letters in chronic decline at up to 10 per cent a year.

"We expect a significant increase in Royal Mail's UK cost base, reflecting

demands by its unionised postal workers for pay increases and delays to delivering operating cost savings," it added.

Shares in Royal Mail crashed 8 per cent on Friday following a profit warning from FedEx, the global delivery firm. JP Morgan, the investment bank, has also warned that Royal Mail's dividend may come under threat.

Royal Mail says it has 40 per cent of the UK parcel delivery market but S&P reckons it is losing share to DPD, Amazon and Evri, the delivery firm previously known as Hermes.

It believes the company will start taking mitigating action to offset falling cashflow. "Such action could include reducing discretionary capital expenditure, reducing or suspending dividends, as it did in 2020-21 at the onset of the pandemic, and undertaking sale and leaseback transactions," S&P said.

Royal Mail declined to comment on S&P's decision to put it on negative watch.

Upmarket Nando's rival hatches plan to expand

Dominic Walsh

It's been dubbed the posh Nando's, but with a mere two restaurants up against the 453 outlets of its larger piri-piri chicken rival, Casa do Frango was always going to have to focus on quality rather than quantity.

In London the Portuguese upstart could soon start to close the gap on its South African rival. Casa do Frango, which has sites in London Bridge and Shoreditch, has just announced openings in Heddon Street next month and Victoria early next year and plans further sites across the capital.

Marco Mendes, one of the co-owners of MJMK Restaurants, the operator of Casa do Frango, said that he and his partner, Jake Kasumov, 37, were looking at expanding the concept to perhaps 10-12 locations.

"We want to have a Casa do Frango in every major neighbourhood in London," he said. "The idea is that people would go a couple of times a week. It's chicken, after all, and everybody loves chicken."

He added: "We feel like we've got the audience and the appetite to see that happen. We've got lots of markets to explore: Clapham, King's Cross, Shepherd's Bush, High Street Kensington, Notting Hill, Queensway."

Mendes, whose father is Portuguese, said he'd love to take Casa do Frango



The first Casa do Frango restaurant was unable to cope with demand

national. "I'm very confident we'd be able to find opportunities in cities like Leeds, Manchester or Edinburgh."

The blueprint for the concept is the Casa that opened in July 2018 at London Bridge, where its popularity translates to weekly takings of £80,000 to £90,000. Until its recent purchase of the ground floor of the building, it was unable to cater for demand, so in 2019 it opened Shoreditch.

Mendes, 37, said the initial focus would be to "make sure we can make it work in London a little bit more" before spreading further afield.

According to the *Sunday Times* food critic Marina O'Loughlin, the site in Shoreditch serves up "quite simply the best chicken and chips in town".

Casa do Frango, which translates as House of Chicken, is not the only concept run by MJMK. It has other restaurants, including Kol, a Michelin-starred Mexican establishment, Lisboaeta, a Portuguese restaurant, and a Cuban outfit called La Rampa.

The group has a turnover of £20 million, but Mendes said there were no plans for a sale or stock market listing. To fund the new openings, the company is raising "upwards of £1 million" from family and friends, although the co-founders will remain majority shareholders.

And how does he feel about the posh Nando's nickname? "As an Algarvian it stung a little to start with, but I relish the comparison now."

Advent may join private equity chase for tech firm

Dominic Walsh

Advent International is among private equity firms eyeing a possible counterbid for GB Group after the revelation that GTCR is considering making a cash offer for the British tech company.

Advent, the global buyout firm, is reported to be mulling over a move, potentially putting it up against not just its Chicago-based rival but also other private equity outfits, including Hg, KKR, Cinven and Permira.

According to *The Mail on Sunday*, Advent and KKR had been monitoring the Chester-based GB Group on and off

for the past year as a possible bid target before GTCR was unmasked as a suitor two weeks ago.

The private equity interest in GB Group follows several bids and expressions of interest in British-based technology companies in recent months, including Aveva, the FTSE 100 industrial software provider; Darktrace, the cybersecurity business; Micro Focus International, the legacy software specialist; and Ideagen, the software group.

The weakness of the pound against the dollar — it fell to a 37-year low on Friday — has made British assets highly

attractive to the American market, particularly in the battered tech sector. Thoma Bravo, the private equity firm that was briefly circling Darktrace, is opening an office in London.

GB Group was founded 32 years ago, checking names and addresses for direct mail firms. As the threat of identity theft grew, its work spread into other areas of fraud prevention. Its main expertise now lies in digital location, identity and managing fraud risk.

Its 21,000 customers include Google, Barclays, Ford, IBM, eBay and Sainsbury's in 79 countries, making it one of the top six providers globally. Its shares

were at 961p a year ago but before confirmation of GTCR's interest they had fallen to less than half that level. On Friday the share price closed down 2.5 per cent at 590p, valuing the business at almost £1.5 billion. GTCR has until close of play on October 4 to make a firm offer or walk away.

Advent has sometimes ruffled feathers with its acquisition strategy, snapping up Cobham, the air-to-air refuelling specialist, in 2020 for £4 billion, then acquiring the Royal Navy supplier Ultra Electronics for £2.6 billion.

Both GB Group and Advent declined to comment.

Mark Littlewood

Kwarteng's fiscal event needs to be the most radical since Thatcher era



“Today the world will come together to bid farewell to our kingdom's longest-serving monarch. Her Majesty's funeral is set to be the most watched television event in history. For a while at least, Queen Elizabeth's death has generated a genuine sense of national unity, hardly a trait that has been common in the UK in recent years.

But by the end of the week, we are likely to be back to something approaching normal; the usual business of divisive British politics will resume with Friday's unveiling of the new government's emergency budget or — as it prefers to describe it — its “fiscal event”.

Even without the sadness and solemnity of recent days, Liz Truss already faced the inbox from hell and the forces ranged against her administration are truly unenviable. Roaring inflation, a flatlining economy tipping into recession and a cost of living crisis so intense that even middle-income households are teetering on the brink of financial viability make it near impossible for politicians to think in anything other than short-term measures. To stand any hope of navigating a way out of this storm, the new prime minister and her chancellor, Kwasi Kwarteng, will need to show they can rise to five enormous tests.

First is the challenge of actively embracing short-term unpopularity. Much of the medicine the country needs may seem unpalatable to the patient, but rather than sugaring the pill, the chancellor should pin all his hopes on the medium-term efficacy of the treatment. A key aspect of this will be to follow through on the prime minister's pledge not to be guided by the distributional effects of any specific policy pledge. The widely trailed plan to remove the caps on bankers' bonuses is a classic example — this is not

Friday's statement must reflect Liz Truss's resolve to challenge orthodoxy



likely to be met with eruptions of joy among Red Wall voters, but it's a sensible economic plan that may deliver a boost to our crucial financial services sector. On a broader front, a dramatic increase in the higher income tax thresholds will benefit millions of workers, although not those struggling on the minimum wage. It is a long overdue reform, even if the majority of households would not be immediate beneficiaries. Successive chancellors appear to have been caught in the trap of believing that each and every decision must be shown on a spreadsheet to benefit the lowest income cohorts more than those towards the top of the salary spectrum. This is exactly the sort of orthodoxy that Truss has set her face against and her chancellor's first budget needs to reflect this new thinking.

Second, although fiscal policy should no longer be geared to be progressive in every aspect, there needs to be a bold plan to help those on low incomes through tax reductions rather than welfare benefits. A sizeable reduction in VAT would be the most obvious way of doing this. True, that doesn't immediately lower the price of a basic necessity such as food but it nevertheless means that across the broad gamut of purchases, your money will stretch further. Bearing down on other indirect taxes such as beer duty or fuel duty would be similarly welcome.

Third, although being widely described as a “mini-budget”, by the time Kwarteng sits down on Friday, there needs to be no doubt that he has delivered a “maxi-budget” and that his fiscal event has gone well beyond just fiscal policy. In other words, there needs to be a sizeable package of supply-side, deregulatory reform. Britain's planning laws have acted as a deeply detrimental drag on growth. We have barely begun the task of stripping away unnecessary rules we have inherited from the EU — although the prime minister has made it plain she would like all of the legacy European red tape rescinded by the end of next year,

unless specifically renewed. Freeing up the labour market by scrapping much of our occupational licensing would also be welcome. We have a higher proportion of professions requiring a state-mandated certificate even than in France. Regulatory reform doesn't have the immediate impact of a tax cut, but if this government is serious about prioritising growth in the last two years of this parliament, it needs to start the process now.

Fourth, there needs to be more than a nod to tackling the state's own parlous finances. More than two decades of failure to balance the books has led to the public accounts dripping in red ink. We seem to have got into a situation where we are permanently beset by one crisis or another, justifying huge government expenditure — whether on freezing energy prices or tackling Covid — but never seem able to reach a more normal state of affairs when we pay this back. If the markets believe there is never going to be a serious plan to restrain expenditure, the government will find itself faced with a wide lack of economic confidence, adding to its woes. A serious and comprehensive review of public spending simply isn't going to be rolled out this week — but some indication of a medium-term strategy to ensure the state is not continually living beyond the means of taxpayers is a necessity.

Finally, a counter-inflationary plan can't merely be based on prayer. As the great economist Friedrich von Hayek noted, attempting to control inflation once it has escaped into the economy is like trying to catch a tiger by the tail. The Bank of England has manifestly failed in its key duty — and reform of its mandate is surely inevitable.

We already know that the national insurance and corporation tax rises proposed by the previous government will be shelved, but that should consume only a line or two of the chancellor's remarks. To pilot our way out of this storm, his statement this week will need to be more radical than any budget we have seen since the days of Nigel Lawson. I hope, and expect, it will be.

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Ed Warner

Queen's reign a sharp contrast to the City's furious cycle of change

The Court Circular for November 18, 1998, records that Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh were “welcomed to the City of London at Bankers Trust, Appold Street, London EC2 by the Rt Hon The Lord Mayor and Chairman of Bankers Trust (Alderman the Lord Levene of Portsoken).”

The monarch had started the day by opening the new offices of the Financial Services Authority in Canary Wharf and went on to visit a clutch of other City institutions.

As a thirtysomething head of equities at Bankers Trust, I was privileged to be stationed at the end of the receiving line at Appold Street. The duke was quick to process the string of greetings and we stood chatting together — not altogether politically correctly — while his wife worked her way along.

‘It is striking how many of the organisations she visited that day no longer exist in anything like the same form’

Then a brief conversation with the Queen and they were off to the trading floors of Merrill Lynch.

Looking now at the monarch's schedule for that day in the extended Square Mile, it is striking how many of the organisations she visited no longer exist — or certainly not in anything resembling their form in 1998.

Bankers Trust itself, unbeknown to those of us in the receiving line, was already teetering under grotesque exposure to Russian assets that was hidden from the sight of the markets. The debt crisis that had exploded in the summer with the devaluation of the rouble swiftly killed Bankers off, the American bank falling into the arms of Deutsche Bank in an emergency takeover only days after the royal tour.

The Financial Services Authority, the Queen's first port of call, lasted only 16 years until it was divided in two in 2013. The banking collapses in the 2008 global financial crisis did for its reputation and the Financial Conduct Authority and Prudential Regulation Authority

have taken over its responsibilities — with little sign of improvement in the quality of oversight of markets as yet. Neither occupies the building in North Colonnade, Canary Wharf, that the Queen opened.

Merrill Lynch lost more than its reputation in the global financial crisis; it effectively swerved bankruptcy in agreeing an emergency takeover by Bank of America. Subprime mortgages did for Merrill what Russian debt had for Bankers a decade before.

Pearson Group hosted the Queen for lunch by virtue of its ownership of the *Financial Times*. The newspaper has since been sold to Japan's Nikkei. Electra Investment Trust, whose board was the monarch's first post-lunch port of call, was wound up after a lengthy battle to fend off an activist investor.

The day's visits were completed by Lloyds TSB (today two separate banks once more), the London Stock Exchange (now part of a larger group of exchanges, data and technology providers, headquartered in London under the overall LSE Group banner) and — most unchanging of all — the Bank of England.

In Queen Elizabeth's 70 years on the throne, the City has repeatedly shifted shape; physically as well as organisationally. Canary Wharf sprang from London's docks to become for a while its centre of power, now more its operational and regulatory plumbing.

Mayfair has emerged to the west as the new sphere of influence. The district's hedge funds may have come and gone like mayflies, but private equity firms — the current masters of the universe — are happy to stomp up for its swollen rents in return for the air of glamour and the cachet of the restaurants.

The drama of these business cycles, with their crises, power struggles, triumphs and disasters, and repeated regenerations, bears witness to the vibrancy of the United Kingdom's financial heartland. All played out against the remarkable backdrop of stability, continuity and connectivity that Queen Elizabeth II herself embodied.

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The bosses of some of Britain's fastest-growing private companies reveal their secrets to **Richard Tyler**

When businesses grow quickly, it is tempting to see their success as inevitable — the only surprising thing, in hindsight, being that more people didn't spot the same opportunity. In many cases, however, entrepreneurs have taken a chance, acted on a gut

feeling or tapped into their market knowledge to go against the crowd.

One group of companies that have thrived in recent years are those featuring in this year's *Sunday Times 100*, published in July. This list of Britain's fastest-growing private companies ranked them on the increase in their sales over their past three years of trading. On average the companies grew by 91 per cent a year to a collective £4.7 billion in sales, creating 13,000 jobs over that time to a total of 21,000. All made a profit in their latest year.

Times Enterprise Network asked some of the leaders of this year's league table to reflect on the decisions that contributed to their success.

Two moments proved to be crucial for Thortful, an online marketplace for greeting cards made by 4,000 freelance designers who receive about 40p for every card sold. The London-based company's annual sales jumped by 70 per cent to £34.2 million last year. The first of these moments came in January 2018. Andrew Pearce and Paul Lees, who co-founded the company in 2016 with Eric Genet, were looking to sell a 25 per cent stake. The plan was to raise £3 million and to use the money to cover operating losses and to fund marketing.

As the talks dragged on, they paused for thought. The pair had already invested several million pounds, drawn from the cash they made selling previous businesses, but Christmas sales had been better than expected and they realised that they were not that far from breaking even. They held on to their 90 per cent stake and invested a few hundred thousand pounds more of their savings. It proved to be a wise decision.

Thortful, which competes with bigger rivals such as Moonpig and Funky Pigeon, lost £200,000 in 2018. The following year sales leapt to about £7 million and it turned a profit. Selling the stake may have accelerated the growth, according to Pearce, 51, but holding on to more of the equity proved to be a better option in the long term.

The pandemic led to the second key decision. The company's card designers were submitting ideas that played with the black humour of lockdown, but some in the business felt it was inappropriate. Pearce's gut said to go for it. He could see the memes playing out on social media and felt he had the mood of the nation right. They quickly tested one design and the cards sold well, with no complaints. By Father's Day in June 2020 cards featuring joke social distancing instructions from Boris Johnson were big sellers. In total they sold ten times the volume achieved in 2019 and sales for the year hit £28 million.

"We didn't sleep much," Pearce said. Why did he make those two calls? "Having been in business for 30 years, you start to get a good feel for things. You just know it's going to happen."

Angela Vohmann, an owner and chief operating officer at Sidekick Group, a facilities manager, had repositioned the business before the pandemic; it was thus ready to respond when its clients went in and then came out of lockdowns.

She saw changes taking place to the



Angela and Peter Vohmann, standing.

way offices were being used, such as hot-desking, and that created an opportunity. Sidekick began to offer contracts that did not rely on a fixed number of hours of cleaning to be delivered.

Vohmann, 45, said: "We realised the buildings were already being used differently [before the pandemic]. We started to look at occupancy and would flex up our labour in accordance with the activity in clients' buildings."

Sidekick developed the model with customers such as The Office Group, a flexible office and co-working space provider. It now has mobile teams who move between buildings as and when they are needed, typically reviewed each month, as well as a more traditional fixed resource.

"When Covid hit, we were ahead of the curve," Vohmann said. "During that time we probably saved our partners 80 per cent of their operating costs and applied our flex-work model when occupancy started to rise again. That has been key to our success."

For William Thornton, chief executive at BladeRoom, there was no magic moment that triggered the data

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run Sidekick Group and were able to reposition the company before the pandemic

centre supplier's recent growth by 43 per cent a year to £97.6 million. Consistently delivering on promises, on time and on budget, goes a long way. Having a proprietary system for constructing the centres, using modular components largely built and assembled offsite, also helped.

Yet his decision to sign an exclusive seven-year deal to supply the company's data room design technology to Ark Data Centres in Britain was a significant moment. Thornton, 35, renewed the deal last year for another seven years and extended it to cover Europe.

It came with "some jeopardy. You are putting all our eggs in one basket. Many people would say you have a product that you should sell to the mass market, but we believe in partnerships ... and in Ark we saw someone who wanted to provide an elite service ... and wanted our product to be at the core of their business." About 50 per cent of BladeRoom's total sales come from the partnership.

The employee-owned business manages the risk by working with other customers in the United States and Australia. It also supplies

operating theatres to the NHS, which need its sophisticated airflow and cooling systems.

Having experienced peaks and troughs in revenues, Thornton said the business was now "probably having its most sustained period of growth". It employs 87 people and has an 80,000 sq ft manufacturing site near the Forest of Dean. "We don't want to grow too quickly. The biggest risk I see is making sure I can keep control of that growth. I want the business to stay a success."

Pearce at Thortful is also mindful of challenges of managing excessive growth. "I have run businesses that grew 100 per cent, [but] never a business that has grown fourfold in one year." It led to some decisions he regrets. "We probably added more production tech than we needed because we believed the growth we had seen would continue and some of it has dropped away. Recruitment was another area."

"Me and my business partner were working twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week and we had to add some structure to help us out and we went quite big, and probably went too far, too quickly."

Plea to keep funding for start-ups

Hannah Prevett

Investors in early stage companies are urging the Treasury to take action in this week's mini-budget to avoid a cliff-edge in funding for high-growth start-ups.

The Enterprise Investment Scheme, established in 1994 and used by 3,755 companies to raise £1.6 billion in the year to April 2021, provides generous income and capital gains tax reliefs to investors.

It is under threat because of European Union state aid rules requiring a "sunset clause" to be added owing to the income tax reliefs, which means the relief will end in April 2025 unless the government acts.

Its sister programme, the Seed Enterprise Investment Scheme, which targets smaller companies, is unaffected.

The SEIS and EIS tax breaks are key incentives for early stage investors. A report from the UK Business Angels Association, the trade body for early stage investors, found that 88 per cent of angels cited the scheme for larger firms as "very important" or "crucial" in their decision to become an angel investor.

Roderick Beer, managing director of the angels' association, said the loss of the relief could prove disastrous for Britain's start-up ecosystem. "It could be the death-knell to this seed-stage [investing] industry. We are massively ahead of other countries in mainland Europe and it's driven almost entirely by EIS being around for 28 years."

The British Private Equity & Venture Capital Association, the trade body for venture capital and private equity investors, is also concerned. Michael Moore, its director-general, said: "We'd welcome confirmation from the chancellor on renewal of these schemes as the current doubt surrounding the sunset clause could stunt the future growth of so many of these start-ups."

Mark Payton, chief executive of Mercia Asset Management, which has led more than 1,000 investments in small companies, largely outside London, in the past five years and has 400 in its portfolio at the moment, said that Kwasi Kwarteng "could quickly make a huge difference" by acting to remove the uncertainty surrounding EIS in this Friday's statement.

Planning system is depriving biotech of quality lab space

Helene Steiner



There is a severe lack of life sciences laboratory space in Britain, despite demand from biotechnology businesses of all sizes. It is a particularly pressing problem in the "golden triangle" of Oxford, Cambridge and London and is the result of a lack of developer engagement with scientists and a broken planning system.

Very few commercial property developers consider building life sciences laboratories. The upfront cost is substantially higher than the development of offices or retail. Labs are niche and so are considered a much higher-risk investment. Long-term trends, such as a reduction in retail shopper visits and a shift to remote work, are making developers think about their business models, but they lack an understanding of the unique requirements for lab design to grasp the opportunity. When they do build, typically they include operators and specialists far too late in their plans.

The key issue is the industry's desire to keep things simple and merely build generic labs. Lab design and space management, both vital, are reduced to the provision of a bench in a room. This leads to lab-orientated offices instead of specialist workplaces optimised for biotechnology. Airflow and containment are an afterthought. Those mistakes can be costly.

In reality, a lab requires substantial planning and design. A lab optimised for cell and gene therapy is very different to a diagnostics or genomics facility. Fit-for-purpose facilities can reduce costs for companies by creating access to shared support infrastructure.

Britain has an abundance of "incubator" spaces intended to support early stage companies with one or two founders. A report this month by the Centre for Entrepreneurs identified more than 750 of them. Those are primarily university-hosted facilities offering shared lab space and some support in exchange for equity in the company. In addition, large businesses, for example AstraZeneca, can find space to build bespoke facilities, taking over entire buildings or floors.

There are, however, almost no facilities catering to growing biotech companies that have moved beyond the start-up phase. These highly innovative ventures are the backbone of a functional bioeconomy. This is because those life sciences property providers that do exist still expect companies to

conduct their own fit-out and to commit to long-term leases. It means that much of the venture capital funding that companies receive goes to building the necessary infrastructure instead of hiring, R&D and products, causing them to lose valuable time and money. In many cases, they grow out of those spaces within a year and have to repeat the same cycle.

The second problem is the difficulty and length of time it takes to obtain planning permission for a new lab. Many proposed developments take so long to reach approval that even though their owners or tenants spot problems with the design, no one can bear to address them as it means going back to the start of the planning queue.

The problem is compounded in London and other big cities, where frivolous objections can delay developments by decades. This creates even more significant development risks and slows progress. Our first site next to Shepherd's Bush market, west London, was shut early last year because of a local government decision. The council-owned site was vacated to make way for a planning application that was never filed and it simply remains vacant. It was heartbreaking for us to watch biotech businesses struggle to

progress as a result of government disinterest.

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These challenges can be addressed. In the longer term, life sciences property owners should consider the requirements of scaling biotechnology businesses in their buildings. In the short term, repurposing underused retail and commercial space is an ideal way to increase lab space in high-density urban locations. A significant amount of space could be made

available in as little as six months. Repurposing would contribute to revitalising cities and high streets. Councils should encourage repurposing and should fast-track "change of use" planning consent. This could pre-empt or accompany longer-term planning permission applications and provide a test-bed for later-stage lab development.

I do not have much patience for further government reviews into what the UK's life sciences sector needs. We need action, not words and more talking shops. The new growth-focused Treasury could reform business rates so they no longer punish technology companies seeking to expand their footprint. This Friday's mini-budget is a perfect opportunity to act.

Britain is rightly proud of its many great discoveries in the life sciences. We should now put in place the infrastructure our entrepreneurial scientists need to help them to succeed. I can guarantee you it will benefit us all.

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Business Equity prices

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Vol	Yld%	P/E
Automobiles & parts					
£71.57	Aston Martin Ltd	178p	-	304%	-1.0

Banking & finance

5,807.42	Amulco	154%	-	7%	38.1	2.1
5,621.26	Admiral	2272	+ 71	6%	6%	11.5
14,00	ADIC	53%	-	4	2.8	9.3
1,123.10	Al Bell	273%	-	1%	2.6	25.4
51,213.92	Alcoa	242,00%	-	1207%	6%	98.2
55.65	Applegate Group	140%	-	5	4.0	10.5
173.36	Arch Chemical Ind	825	-	22%	19	18.2
6.85	Arco Group	12	-	-	5.5	-
1,219.57	Ashland Inc	2295%	-	2%	7%	7.9
41,219.37	Aurum Inc	1331%	-	18	5.8	30.7
12,335.57	Avista	640%	-	3	6.8	27.9
38,450.78	Banc of America	228%	-	9%	2.8	5.4
1,809.56	Bank of California	2055	-	4%	-	6.4
27,552.67	Barclays	171%	-	2%	1.7	4.1
9.89	Bell State Capital	5	-	-	3.9	-
112.40	BP America	300	-	13	8.8	8.2
5.64	Brenntag Inc	30	-	1%	0.2	-
1,261.16	Brown-Sophia	544	-	1	2.8	20.0
2,191.94	Bruggenott	256%	-	7%	-	6.6
26.65	Carroll Sec	47	-	5	3.4	9.5
476.75	Caspar	317%	-	6%	5.9	17.6
51.51	City of London	51%	-	-	2.5	-
196.13	City of New York	327	-	20	15.5	9.0
1,590.76	Citibank	1036	-	4	5.7	7.7
634.20	Citic Markets	225	-	4%	15.6	6.8
3,737.67	CNN	6793%	-	36%	-	35.7
16,442.21	Deutsche Bank	795%	-	12	-	-
2,700.17	Dierl Laches	232	-	-	10.5	8.3
72.55	Domestic Oil	57%	-	3	4.3	7.7

Price Cap (million)	Company	Price (\$)	MMY (%)	Yield	P/E
3.88	Dynex	75	—	—	-7.2
582.58	ATG-Warrior Midst	99 1/2	—	—	6.4
47.28	ELC Stock of Copper	150 + 25¢	—	—	8.4
372.38	FBD	90 1/2	—	—	5.8
0.16	Fibers	5P	—	—	12.2
85.93	Freelink Topping	60 + 4¢	2.0	8.8	—
304.83	Goretti Capital	600 + 8¢	—	—	1.0
303.51	Gresham House	79 1/2	- 2	6.0	9.8
158.27	HST Group	465 + 4¢	1.0	14.0	—
44.99	Homedale Global	38 1/2	—	12.8	11.0
4,052.50	Hormegroves Ltd.	854 1/4	- 25	4.5	15.2
99.80	Holtes Broker	15 1/2	+ 4	2.0	—
176,250.73	HSBC	52 1/2 + 4¢	3.0	11.5	—
3,388.38	HS Group	79 1/2 + 3 1/2	5.0	—	—
275.01	Impec	555 + 40¢	1.0	10.3	10.5
3,322.95	Intermed Cap	121 1/4	- 71	4.5	5.8
172.68	IPCL	86 1/2	- 90	2.5	20.4
3,107.58	Intel Public Pricings	262 1/2	- 50	4.5	2.8
3,663.79	Investor	374 1/2	- 20 1/2	3.8	5.6
13.60	Investment Co.	255 + 5¢	0.3	15.2	—
228.24	IS Group	70 1/2	+ 1	3.0	7.6
42.05	Janus Securities	94 + 80	14.3	1.7	—
599.01	Jaycor Fund Mgmt	108 1/2	+ 40	15.0	6.0
751.91	Just Stock	72 1/2	- 1%	—	—
1,526.73	Lancashire Mills	516 + 31	2.1	—	—
15,640.83	Legal & Genl	262 + 1%	6.0	8.8	—
1,438.56	Lithy Group	50 1/2 - 50 1/4	—	—	—
540.05	Unimont	844 + 27	5.5	11.5	—
89.29	Lloyds Bank Group	58 + 1%	6.5	3.4	—
32,500.25	Lloyds Bank	47 1/2 + 1%	5.5	6.5	—
25.24	UAC Capital	32 1/2 + 1%	2.7	1.0	14.0

Mrk Cap (Bil USD)	Company	Price (USD)	Vol (M)	P/E
41,315.14	London Stock Ex Gp	7780	- 218	0.9
4,994.73	M&G	2015	- 25	9.1
3,142.00	Kian	2475	- 10	3.6
9.99	Kiani Res	85	---	2.0
2.29	Kiarchidis Cap	216	- 5	---
68,576.79	Kiarchidis Mid	13669	- 3222	1.4
337.63	Kiarchidis Vests	665	- 25	---
31.07	Kiarchidis Tgts	135	- 5	---
145.05	Kiarchidis S&P	84	- 45	---
55,523.22	Kiarchidis S&P	17554	- 194	2.7
26,361.90	NUWIG	2225	- 12	3.8
394.28	Nurme	2835	- 164	45
2,777.05	Orion Capital Bank	510	- 261	3.7
417.32	PayPoint	605	- 4	5.3
35	PR Group	70	- 5	---
6,597.02	Phoenix Gp	6695	- 55	7.9
462.79	Prindivati	3805	- 4	25
26,322.44	Prindivati	9574	- 3	1.5
16.46	Prindivati S&P	15	---	---
1,436.51	Quintus	5025	- 25	5.1
314.54	Quintus & Quintus	910	- 43	4.2
1,134.51	Rothschild Gp	1870	- 88	3.9
6.59	Rothschild Global Cap	34	---	2.4
35.83	Rothschild Strategic	1420	- 10	1.9
8.24	S&U	2340	- 50	4.1
20.25	Saxon Trading Gp	15	---	---
235.20	Saxon REIT	40	- 5	5.2
6,514.03	Schroders	2508	- 142	4.4
6,514.03	Schroders MUV	2165	- 105	5.3
5,947.98	St James	1095	- 50	5.0
17,615.14	Stand Chart	4075	- 12	1.4

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price	Wtdy %	Yield	P/E
243.50	Billington Hldgs♦	190	+ 5	2.2	15.1
366.37	Blair (Hmby)	270	- 5	2.0	15.5
3,301.63	Bir Ltd	410	+ 4	3.6	36.1
12.87	Caledonian Tels	152½	—	—	—
1,020.46	Cap & Count Propt	118½	+ ½	0.4	34.5
95.60	Cap & Regal†	57½	- ½	—	-41.5
27.59	Cardiff Pro	2550	—	0.7	23.0
116.94	Carecapital	23	+ 2	—	-27.5
61.07	Clarke Tls	138½	+ 1½	3.1	9.0
708.87	CLS Wldgys†	174	+ 1	4.3	5.5
1,276.29	Condustry Prop	255½	- 5½	—	-18.0
0.76	Green House♦	19½	—	—	-8.0
25,232.14	CRH†	380½	- 78½	2.7	12.1
2,737.45	Dorwent London†	2430	+ 8	2.0	30.0
88.83	Dolphin Capital	33	+ ½	—	-25.0
31.05	First Propt♦	20	—	1.6	—
4.51	Fletcher King	44	—	—	—
116.66	Fostons Group	37½	+ 1½	0.4	—
175.91	Galinfair Trs	180½	+ 3½	2.9	35.5
850.92	Genuit Group†	341½	- ½	2.5	20.0
278.12	Gleeson (M)	47	+ 37	3.3	7.5
1,667.87	Grafton Gr Wldg	737½	- 9½	4.8	8.0
1,964.47	Granger	265	- 25	2.0	16.0
1,308.69	Gr Portland	515½	+ 4	2.4	4.0
1,013.41	Hammerston	22	+ ½	1.8	-2.0
413.44	Harcourt Gr	128	- 7½	1.4	1.0
25.97	Hell (Samuel)♦	630	—	1.0	13.0
452.38	Holical PLC	590½	- 11	2.8	8.0
51.95	Highcroft Invest	1000	- 15	5.2	5.0
760.57	Ilstock	190½	+ 6½	2.1	28.0
999.15	James Halstead♦	217	+ 8	3.5	2.0

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price	Vol	Yield	P/E
10,681.18	Segro	883.5	-	47%	2.5
404.09	SIG	343.5	-	2%	-
258.49	SigmaStar	48.5	-	7%	-
958.01	Situs Real Estate	82	+ 3%	3.9	6.5
65.54	Smart (J)	160.5	-	-	2.9
71.72	Steele Connect	328.5	-	11.5	7.9
3,390.65	Taylor Wimpey	187.5	-	7.7	7.9
80.08	Town Centre	165	-	2.1	6.5
1,756.18	Trans Perkins	826.5	-	23%	1.4
3,044.32	Tritax Six Box Reit	162.5	-	3%	4.0
644.64	Tritax Eurobox	79.5	-	-	-
406.34	Tyman	287	-	12	3.8
4,095.33	UNIT GRP	1001	-	50	1.9
1,627.12	Vistry Group	748.5	-	54%	5.3
611.80	Warehouse REIT	144	-	9%	6.7
171.61	Workspace GP	567	-	11%	3.5
18.20	Wynnstay Prop	675	-	5	3.1

Consumer goods

1.06	Aperitivo	5	-	-	-0.1
11.37	Aristo	275	-	1%	-0.1
325.02	Aristo-Eastern	820	-	4%	7.5
174.27	Animalcare	290	-	7%	3.3
10,485.72	AB Foods	1324.5	-	30%	0.4
511.05	Bakken Group	88%	-	10%	7.5
568.94	Bair (AG)	490	-	21	-17.5
34.47	Bildstad Group	8%	-	1%	-0.1
19.34	Breda Architect	37	-	-	-0.1
77,563.39	Brit Amer Tob	3500.5	-	38%	6.2
2,002.20	Britvic	758	-	25	3.1
6,798.49	Burberry Grp	1724	-	12%	2.4
630.15	C&C GP	160%	-	11%	-0.1

Net cap (million)	Company	Price/Share (£)	Yld%	P/E
23.22	Checkin	21½	+ 1	-2½
20.45	Cashin	510	- 20	21.45
77.13	Crestech Plc	224	- 22	—
83.64	Dasham	1035	—	1.17 11½
78.58	Dialight	230½	- 5	—
272.119	Electrolux B	993½	- 60	6½ 7½
17.34	Feedbac	½	—	-3½
146.71	French Hovig	584	- 8	0.7 43
201.85	Goodrich	2625	+ 10	3.8 24
7,592.91	Holma	2000	- 157	0.8 10½
922.32	Hill & Smith	1020	+ 2	2.8 24½
3.76	Holmers Text	89	—	0.8 5
2.12	Image Scan	1½	—	— 9½
2,010.24	IMI	1116	- 26	2.0 15½
1.50	Inspirit Energy	—	—	—
470.39	Judges Scientific	7400	- 60	0.7 37½
10.38	Life	77	- 1	—
6,261.19	Meggitt	798½	—	—
4,958.99	Meirensa	1107½	- 16½	1.4
697.73	Merson Advanced	244½	- 3	2.7 10
61.99	Misc	304	+ 46½	—
53.00	MS Int	331	+ 5	1.0 47
1,152.75	Orford Inst	2000	- 110	0.8 27½
34,111.06	Phillips El Int	1556½	+ 11½	4.5 28
5.00	Pipelin	14	—	29.75
20.97	Pressure Tech	67½	- 24½	— 5½
2,581.08	Reimsam	3546	- 2	1.8 20
54.78	Renals	24½	- ½	—
6,540.13	Rolls-Royce	757½	- 7½	— 81½
3.87	Ross Gap	1½	—	— 3½
2,044.48	Robotek	237½	- 11½	3.6 25
108.63	Sol Escorp	185	+ 8	— 2½

Consumer goods

1.06	Agilent*	5	=	=	-0.0
11.37	Alcoa	27%	=	=	-0.0
325.02	Alcoa-Eastman	820	=	48	= 72.0
174.27	Animacare	290	=	7%	1.3
10,485.77	AR Foods	1324%	=	30%	0.4 21.0
511.05	Balkrishna Group	88%	=	10%	7.5
548.94	Barr (AG)	400	=	21	= 17.0
34.97	Birlakrish Group	8%	=	1%	= -3.0
10.34	Brand Architecture	37	=	=	= 6.0
77,563.39	Brid Amer Tob	3550%	=	38%	62.1
2,002.20	Britvic	759	=	25	3.1 17.0
6,793.49	Burberry Grp	1724	=	12%	2.4 14.0
630.13	C&C Corp	160%	=	11%	= 2.0
8.79	Capital Metals	4%	=	5%	= -1.0
101.05	Carl's Inc.	107%	=	3%	4.6 13.0
98.89	Charater Corp	512	=	8	1.7 9.0
142.57	Churchill China	1300	=	350	= 0.0
7,095.31	Coca Cola HBC	1920	=	48	2.8 15.0
62.71	Colefax*	790	=	=	= 13.0
152.64	Compass*	2802	=	174	2.4 15.0
296.33	Dave	177	=	7%	5.1 9.0
65,527.76	Diageo*	5745	=	52	1.9 20.0
8.21	Dittell*	1%	=	=	= 1.0
451.51	Evans (M.R)*	828	=	16	3.3 7.0
102.35	Finchway Foods	78%	=	1%	3.0 9.0
2338.66	Games Workshop	7115	=	385	5.5 19.0
2,878.00	Goshali*	1052%	=	22%	2.2 25.0
427.87	Greencore	82%	=	5%	= 16.0
226.84	Hedlam	270	=	21	2.8 13.0
594.20	Hillman Food	646	=	297	3.3 13.0
48.41	Hornby*	28%	=	=	= 0.0
18,157.53	Imperial Brands	1910%	=	42	7.2 6.0
2.61	J Leach Hfdr*	1%	=	=	= 7.0
14,558.98	Kerry Grp	8227%	=	376%	0.9 22.0
41.77	McBride	24	=	1%	= -4.0
142.39	Mulberry Group	245	=	=	= 0.0

907.73	Monon Advanced	244%	3	2.7	10.1
61.99	Misc*	304 + 46%	—	7.	—
53.00	MS Int'l	331 +	5	1.0	47.4
1,152.75	Debut Int'l	2000 - 110	0.8	27.	—
34,111.06	Phillips Int'l	1586% + 11%	45	26.	—
5.00	Pipeline*	14 + 1	—	—	—
20.97	Pressure Tech*	67% - 2%	—	5.	—
2,501.88	Reinisch	3546 + 2	1.8	20.	—
54.78	Rensel	24% - 5%	—	—	—
6,540.13	Royal-Royce	75% - 7%	—	61.	—
3.67	Ross Opt	1%	—	3.	—
2,045.48	Robot*	237% - 11%	3.6	25.	—
168.63	S&P Group*	165 + 4	—	—	—
531.82	Serius	126% - 4%	—	72.	—
167.15	Sewerfield	54 - 2%	6.3	9.	—
16.51	Six Hundred*	14 -	—	81.	—
5,122.20	SMT B	1203% - 85	47	3.	—
2.52	Slingshot (HCC)	240 -	—	6.	—
5,002.19	Smiths	1504 - 33	25	23.	—
122.77	State State*	1085 - 35	1.4	26.	—
222.52	Somero Int'l*	400 - 4%	3.9	9.	—
2,912.03	Secretis	2761 - 149	25	9.	—
7,626.24	Spirax-Sarco	10070 - 795	1.2	31.	—
103.54	Surface Friction	53 - 1	—	—	—
3.26	Tanfield	2 -	—	5.	—
413.10	Thorpe FID	362% + 5	1.6	24.	—
12.27	TP Group	1%	—	2.	—
9.76	Transverse Tech*	61 + 11%	—	—	—
2,513.35	Ultra Electronics	3500 + 8	1.6	37.	—
928.09	Vanguard	342% - 4%	5.9	9.	—
643.05	Videndum	1392 - 70	1.1	25.	—
407.29	Vols*	256 - 32	13	13.	—
3,802.02	Wair	194% - 50	0.7	24.	—
956.10	XP Power*	1180 - 116	5.1	9.	—
12.19	Zetec*	120 -	—	—	—

Investment companies

Market Cap (Billion)	Company	Price (\$)	Yield (%)	Dividend Payout (%)	Forecast
11,935.92	3i Group	1194	3.3	33.0	254
2,911.25	3i Infrastructure	1945	3.3	33.0	33
2,801.61	Abacus Div. Inc.	969	3	66.6	272
1,013.75	Albermarl Intl.	1130	2.8	26.0	62
2,851.61	Alcoa	951	3.0	26.0	62
511.39	Auto Design Tr.	428	1.8	12.0	131
1,422.72	Atchafeyan Trust	205	—	62.0	33
915.54	AVI Global Trust	1094	3	13.0	122
163.71	Balfour Beatty UK	264	—	7.0	22
299.09	Balfour Beatty Canada	139	3.0	33.0	33
702.28	Balfour Beatty US	718	—	2.0	84
590.05	Balfour Beatty US Gr.	1565	3.5	—	—
236.35	Balfour Beatty UK Gr.	1565	3.5	21.0	33
1,234.14	Barbours	1045	3.3	20.0	75
1,717.23	Barrick	6015	2.95	—	—
1,013.75	Bell Canada	95	4.1	40.0	40
174.50	Bellco Int'l. Corp.	190	—	33.0	34
290.05	Bellco Fin. Inc.	1325	3.1	10.0	10
428.73	Bellco Int'l. Corp.	1455	3.2	13.0	13
168.15	Bellco Exp. & Svcs.	199	—	3.0	61
113.57	Bellco Leasing Inc.	336	5	6.0	69
159.55	Bellco Serv. & Automation Int'l.	5	3	69.0	—
628.93	Bellco Solar	2238	4.2	23.0	238
345.51	Bellco Thompsonville	57	34	1.0	46
1,135.29	Bellco Wdr. Mkt.	612	—	6.0	64
314.78	Blue Planet Int'l.	115	—	—	—
162.91	BDO Comstock	295	2.2	33.0	32
94.78	BDO Smallholder	1375	2.5	11.0	11
288.05	BDO Prv. Eq. Fund	410	2.3	33.0	34
197.15	BDO Real Estate	635	3	30.0	34
18.50	BDO US Int'l.	395	3	6.0	62
76.25	BDO US Int'l. B.	156	3.1	33.0	33
20.21	BDO US Int'l. UNIT	33	—	—	—
188.10	Brown Bros. US Smkt. 2000	45	—	33.0	33
1,085.10	Brumley	924	3.6	18.0	141
1,941.50	Canada Life	1500	3.55	6.0	304
2,915.91	Canwest Petroleum	105	8	56.0	63
181.21	City of London Tr.	397	9	5.1	20
88.21	Crescent Amber Gr.	118	—	18.0	22
18.21	Crescent Energy	520	—	5.0	44
94.78	Edinburgh Tr.	57	21	6.0	72
727.39	Enel Worldw.	1945	5.1	—	—
11.82	EP Global Opt.	230	20	1.0	378
306.16	European Assets	15	2	8.0	84
182.09	European Opt. Tr.	672	30	0.2	34
1,465.78	F&P Investment Trfst	4	39	13.0	13
399.33	Flintco Asian Inv.	435	7	16.0	132
1,235.55	Flintco China Sp.	337	33	—	19
1,137.40	Flintco Asia Tr.	100	6	22.0	118
95.50	Flintco Asia Tr.	136	6	—	—
1,791.52	Flintco Energy	23	2	2.0	48
1,791.52	Flintco Energy	626	25	4.0	40
129.04	GO Infrastructure	115	2	6.0	48
399.33	Gen. Emer. Mkts.	633	—	19.0	354
84.64	Harvest Prodc. Mkt.	535	11	—	—
2,865.17	Harvest US Wind	1600	25	5.0	50
144.10	Harris Investment	136	—	10.0	358
149.00	Harris US Wind	137	—	10.0	412
1,603.15	Harvest Oil & Gas	2040	90	—	—
287.55	Harvest Euro Fund	125	6	23.0	228
208.97	Harvest High Inc.	151	6	61.0	69
181.93	Harvest Smr.	749	23	25.0	258
1,031.33	Heald	278	—	33.0	334
1,752.59	Hogstad Trust	365	6	15.0	358
2,579.48	HOV India	1705	3	5.1	84
2.48	Hydrological Technical	230	20	—	328
79.97	IGS Int'l. Tr.	1030	60	12.0	44

Market cap (\$million)	Company	Price Yield (%)	P/E	Forecast Yield (%)
224.63	Imcores Asia Tr	336	9	3.9 (2.2)
204.45	Imcores Bonding	105	0	6.6 (4.2)
6.43	Imcores Corp	252.1	16	—
55.67	IPST QD II	224	3	2.0 (7.7)
1.25	IPST Managed	90	—	0.3 (6.7)
115.17	IPST US Inc	160	3	3.7 (6.8)
104.70	IPST Securities	428	4	2.6 (4.6)
1,394.36	IPW America	379	41	0.9 (2.4)
394.10	IPW Asia	365	3	4.2 (3.0)
271.29	IPW Canada	526	12	5.5 (3.9)
40.60	IPW Currents	678	—	4.0 (1.1)
1,068.41	IPW Euro Mgt C	102	—	0.2 (5.4)
2.08	IPW Euro Mgt C	965	—	—
70.06	IPW Euro Mgt	30	1	4.7 (4.2)
1,236.16	IPW Euro Mkt	224.9	25	1.3 (2.4)
573.63	IPW Euro Dist	797	12	1.4 (2.4)
163.52	IPW GEM	122.9	33	3.6 (4.3)
1,362.15	IPW GGM	417.7	19.9	3.0 (4.3)
672.01	IPW India	84	4	—
100.45	IPW Jap. Sml C	393	5	4.8 (3.3)
672.06	IPW Japan	45	15	7.0 (3.9)
101.34	IPW Mid Cap	86.9	19	3.8 (2.6)
76.63	IPW Multi-Mkt Int'l Envs	116	4.2	4.2 (2.1)
301.33	IPW Russia	694	256	10.6 (5.0)
222.93	IPW Sml C	260	9	2.0 (4.3)
186.72	Reaction Tr	205	0	2.7 (2.2)
1,000.00	Renaissance	175	20	4.0 (2.4)
335.57	Renaissance	320.9	—	—
91.92	Madico	174	3	4.0 (3.7)
249.91	Al Grande Port	307	13	3.3 (3.5)
56.06	Mandeville Val	101	3	5.4 (4.0)
1,127.16	Mercantile Tr	100.0	7.8	3.3 (2.1)
729.26	Nevaditas	536	14	5.1 (3.5)
596.26	Mid Wind	605	34	0.9 (4.0)
2,263.97	Munks Ind Tr	10.91	21	0.5 (1.1)
225.44	Mutualshare Euro Sml	119	0	0.5 (1.1)
929.59	Mutual Income Trust	79.9	20	4.1 (1.1)
1,394.17	Mutuan Int	123.4	6	4.3 (4.4)
1,944.24	N C Global Technology	701.4	26	6.0 (4.6)
50.00	Pacific Assets	355	—	0.4 (2.0)
1,000.00	Pacific Fund	200	—	—
433.34	Pershing Sml	26.6	16	0.4 (1.0)
1,377.37	Persol Capital	489.9	40	2.4 (0.9)
2,520.15	Petrol Corp Unit	19.0	105	—
50.00	Pym Gds Int'l	192	—	3.3 (1.1)
98.80	Rea Financial Tr	15.91	26	5.1 (2.1)
3,560.93	RIT Kac Pktr	23.9	20	—
359.72	Riverstone	682	0	—
013.50	Schroder Trust	42.21	2.8	1.5 (5.5)
023.90	Serco Asia Pk	511	7	2.0 (1.1)
200.75	Serco Ind Corb	20	3	4.6 (1.3)
265.22	Serco Ind Growth	201	—	1.0 (3.3)
174.44	Serco Ind Mkt	516	14	2.8 (3.3)
157.65	Serco UPP Tr	181	—	—
1,000.00	Social America	490	18	2.4 (2.1)
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11,891.49	Soc Mtg	824	10	0.4 (4.8)
236.41	Soc Mtg	824	10	0.4 (4.8)
1,591.49	Soc Mtg	235	1	2.3 (1.4)
59.00	Seaview Inc	689	4	6.5 (4.8)
593.93	Temple Bar	21.94	46	3.6 (4.8)
1,703.72	Tenax Energy Mkt	24.91	2.9	2.2 (2.4)
1.34	Theracorp and Invest	34	—	2.0 (4.3)
1,094.76	TR Property	34	6	3.0 (3.1)
204.05	Trust Indusd	781.9	3	2.0 (2.6)
159.10	Ultralux Dev	590	5	2.8 (2.6)
464.20	Ultralux Energy Mkt	220	3	3.1 (3.2)
51.22	Ultralux REIT/2002	144	—	—
1,153.84	Ultralux Euro Ind	681	5	—
1,324.37	Wilson	220	3	2.4 (2.0)

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4.56	Staves	8	12	-13
25.45	STAR Group	26	15	53.0 100%
22,265.37	Sun Life Cos	3759	-110%	35 90%
49.05	Taxidock Inc	75	12	0.6 1.2
055.35	TFC Bank Group	1734	-145	20 5.0
30.10	Toro	2014	12	-7.7
25.50	Time Finance	1854	-	10.2
25.54	Valens	925	5	-
21.42	WHL Ireland	345	-	19.3
32.77	Walker Crisp Gps	30	25	05.2
345,245.77	Wells Fargo	38215	-13%	1.4 10.0
44,418.58	Westpac	12675	91	37 17.1
7.06	Worley Investors Ltd	2314	15	72.8
50,278.32	Zurich Finl	38733	-136%	41 1.1

Construction & property

50.54	Alumina	562	+2	65 8.2
30.40	Aspen Pross	2515	-	-74
1,877.61	Aspen Sptl	6314	15	45 12.6
3.90	Quest Energy	2	-	29
2,220.27	Schroeder Invest	35415	15	1.3 15.0
4,378.49	Bernart Davis	429	+65	6.0 6.2
2,961.10	Wiley	1993	-62	5.0 5.0
3,517.05	Berkley	3595	+53	0.2 9.3
2,280.22	W. Yelland Group	1715	-34	7.2



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5,14.49	Keller	707	+	5	5.0	84
8,926.33	Kingspan Group	4907%	-	310%	6.0	102
4,561.31	Land Securities	612%	-	22%	5.5	-
313.00	Life Science Retail	89%	-	1%	-	-
15.87	Lon & Assoc	10%	-	1%	-	-92
2,043.77	London Medical Props	200%	-	1%	4.2	4.4
35.40	Maiacu Prop Op	57%	-	3%	-	-74
808.19	Marshalls	343%	+	37	2.6	123
81.90	Michelmores	85%	-	44	4.2	134
787.55	Morgan Sindall	347%	-	4%	4.3	24
454.24	Mountview	1165%	+	49%	3.6	143
250.26	NamRiver REIT	80%	+	1%	3.7	24
114.48	Nature Capital	260	+	8	4.2	24
58.96	Panther Securities	290	-	-	4.1	24
4,564.24	Persimmon	1430	-	72	16.4	51
6.68	Piras Investments	3%	-	-	-	-75
4.46	Plaza Cent	85	-	-	-	-41
1,756.84	Primary Hlth	132%	-	5%	4.6	134
63.30	Real Estate Invest	35%	+	5%	10.6	46
1,750.85	Rechn	556%	+	18%	4.8	63
2,076.65	Safestore	985	+	43	2.0	50
1,322.99	Savills	916%	-	35	2.5	92
8.07	Secure Property	4%	-	-	-	-

42.37	Churchill China ◆	1300	+ 150	—	—
7,895.51	Coca Cola HBC	1920	— 48	2.8	1.3
62.71	Colefax ◆	790	—	—	23.15
1,542.61	Creswick	2862	— 174	2.4	1.5
296.30	Dove	177	+ 7%	5.1	2.0
85,327.76	Diageo	3745	+ 52	1.9	20.1
8.21	Distill ◆	1%	—	—	30.1
451.51	Evans (M.P.)	828	+ 16	3.3	7.7
102.35	Finchery Foods	78%	+ 1%	8.0	—
2,336.80	Games Workshop	7115	— 385	3.5	19.1
2,818.00	Glanbia	1652%	+ 22%	2.2	2.5
427.87	Greencore	821%	+ 5%	—	16.1
226.84	Hoodlum	270	+ 2%	11.1	—
594.28	Hilton Food	664	— 297	3.3	13.1
40.42	Hornby ◆	28%	—	—	—
18,157.55	Imperial Brands	1910%	— 42	7.2	6.1
2.61	J Levens Hford ◆	1%	—	—	7.1
14,589.98	Kerry Gp	8227%	— 376%	0.9	22.1
41.77	McBride	24	+ 1%	—	—
147.19	Multi Group ◆	24	—	—	10.1
386.61	Nichol ◆	1660	— 80	1.7	—
191.92	Norecs	21%	—	3.8	6.1
370.03	Orion Ent ◆	120%	— 32%	2.8	10.1
6.53	Pittards	54%	—	0.9	2.5
46.15	Procter&G	330	— 15	3.9	14.1
17.74	Prometec	1%	—	—	—
624.87	PZ Fuxuan	192%	— 5%	1.1	22.1
48.21	RFA	110	— 3	—	—
1.34	Real Gold Fd	1%	—	—	—
15.42	Tanjong ◆	285	+ 1%	0.1	—
388.92	Tecart	639	+ 42	0.9	25.1
0.88	Uniprom Gp ◆	2	—	—	—
7.49	Unbound Group	113	—	1	—
114,035.04	Unilever (HF)	44%	— 64	3.1	23.1
100,429.05	Unilever	3944	— 9	3.6	20.1
551.56	Victoria ◆	477	— 3	—	—

5,127.28	S&P B	1209.7	- 85	47. 0%
2.52	Slingshot (HC)	240	—	—
5,402.15	Smiths	1564	- 33	25.23%
122.77	Solid State	1035	- 35	1.4 26%
227.52	Somero Inter	400	- 40	3.9 4%
2,912.03	Spectris	2761	- 109	25. 9%
7,028.24	Spirax-Sarco	10070	- 795	1.2 31%
108.51	Surface Tredm	53	- 1	—
3.26	Tanfield	2	—	—
413.10	Thorpe Flu	3821	+ 5	1.6 24%
12.27	TP Group	115	—	- 2%
9.76	Transcane Tech	61	+ 11½	—
2,513.35	Ultra Electronics	3500	+ 8	1.6 32%
928.09	Vascular	342½	- 70	5.9 5%
643.65	Videm	1392	- 78	11.1 2%
407.25	Volon	256	- 32	1.3 13%
3,802.02	Weir	1949½	- 50	0.7 24%
356.02	XP Power	1084	- 118	5.1 9%
12.19	Zyltra	120	—	- 40%

Health

3,272.10	Abcam	1429	+ 144	—
601.14	AdventHealth	277½	+ 9	0.6 43%
123.99	Allergan Therap	19½	—	—
186.25	Amgen	71½	+ 1½	- 9%
113.30	Anapath	475	- 95	1.7 24%
156,839.92	AstraZeneca	10112	- 378	20. 2%
342.66	Catalyst Group	34	—	24%
4,504.47	Convatec	223½	- 4%	1.8 52%
25.56	Greigton	36½	+ 1	3.1 7%
3,764.05	Dechra Pharm	2950	- 338	1.3 44%
7.34	Deltus Medical	1	—	—
98.93	q-Therapeutics	19½	—	—
72.80	Eco Animal Hlth	107½	+ 10	0.9 33%
187.43	EKF Biognostics	41½	- ½	2.4 11%
120.95	Futura Medical	41½	- 3%	—
1,629.05	Genet	2782	- 78	1.1 44%
53,746.22	GSK	1321½	- 27½	6.0 25%
2.25	Gunsynd	½	—	—
23,954.48	Halcon	259½	- 1½	—
2,768.17	Hilana Pharma	1253½	- 32	3.0 9%
1,015.61	Hutchinson Ch	210	- 26	—
109.44	Immunodis Sol	370	—	0.5
35.50	Immopharm	4½	- 2½	- 1%
2,012.36	Indinor	291½	- 2½	—
54.14	Isolation Health	70½	+ 1	—

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	Stamps	■	■	■	■
45	STL Group	26	+	5.3	10.0
265.87	Sun Life Can	3799	-	110%	35 97
18.37	Transline Inc	7%	-	0.8	1.2
139	TFC Bank Group	1734	-	148	20 85
260.57	TRC	20%	-	5%	73
1.91	Time Finance	26%	-	...	10.2
42	Unicom	975	-	\$	...
54	WHL Holdings	34%	-	...	193
77	Weller Cities Grp	30	-	25	05 87
245.77	Wells Fargo	3274	-	13%	1.4
210.58	Windsor	1267%	+	5.7	17 71
270.32	Windsor Investors Ltd	23%	-	1%	72.8
270.32	Worich Fund	3875%	-	136%	41 15.1

Construction & Property

54	Gluman	162	+	2	5.8 82
41	Greene Bros	25%	-	...	74
77.01	Robert Group	63%	-	4%	45 80
...	Quaker Services	2	-	...	29
29.27	Shofar Realty	330%	+	1.3	15.0
70.69	Shrout Davis	42%	+	6%	6.0 62
63.10	Skidmore	191%	-	62	5.8 57
17.05	Starkley	365%	+	53	0.2 82
30.22	St. Paul Bay Group	171%	+	34	9.7

514.49	Keller	707	+ 5	50.8	4.8
8,926.33	Kinross Group	49072	- 320	6.0	29.2
4,561.31	Land Sec	6127	- 22	8.9	-
313.60	Life Science Res	899	- 1	-	-
15.87	Lon & Assoc	181	- 1	-	-2.1
2,043.77	London Metric Prop	2003	-	4.2	4.4
35.40	Mauro Prop Op	571	-	-	-7.4
808.19	Marshalls	343	+ 37	2.4	22.8
81.90	Microchem	85	+ 4	12.3	13.8
787.55	Morgan Sindall	3678	- 44	4.3	7.0
454.21	Mountview	11650	+ 40	3.6	14.1
250.26	NorRiver REIT	80	+ 1	3.7	3.0
114.48	Palace Capital	260	+ 8	4.2	12.2
58.90	Panther Securities	290	-	4.1	2.0
4,556.24	Persimmon	1430	- 72	16.4	5.8
6.65	Picus Investments	3	-	-	-7.5
4.48	Plaza Cent	65	-	-	-4.2
1,766.84	Primary Hlth	132	+ 5	6.6	4.3
69.38	Real Estate Invest	35	+ 1	10.6	4.8
1,750.85	Redrow	506	+ 18	4.8	6.1
2,076.65	Safestore	985	+ 43	2.0	5.9
1,322.99	Savills	916	- 35	2.5	9.2
8.07	Secure Property	4	-	-	-1.6

Construction & Property

54	Almanac♦	162	+ 2	5.8	8.2
55	Aspen Pros	159	...	...	-7.6
56	Aspen Grp	63%	+ 8	4.5	12.6
57	Aurick Smelter♦	2	...	...	-2.9
58	Balfour Beatty	330%	+ 9	1.3	15.6
59	Barratt Devs	429	+ 6%	6.0	6.7
60	Bethco	1093	- 62	5.0	5.0
61	Berkley	3695	+ 53	0.2	9.3
62	Big Yellow Cos	121%	+ 38	2.2	8.0

4.68	Picus Investments♦	3%	—	—	75%
4.96	Plaza Cent	65	—	—	42%
1,796.84	Primary Hlth	132%	5	9%	43%
63.30	Real Estate Inv♦	35%	+	10	16%
1,750.85	Rehru	506%	+	18%	4%
2,076.65	Safestore	985	+	43	2.0
1,322.99	Savills	916%	+	35	2.5
8.07	Scores Property♦	6%	—	—	16%

Engineering

0.31	Ass Dr Engr	15	...	...	...
253.11	Arin Rubber	836%	- 91	1.5	...
1,620.94	Bakack	320%	+	16	...
25,843.45	SAE Sys	764%	- 19%	3.1	13.1
28.80	Braime A N/A	2000	+ 150	0.5	22.2
25.20	Braime Group	1750	- 50	0.6	19.8
14.63	Caffens	150	...	...	7.7
23.01	Cap XX L	4%	...	...	-9.2
136.34	Cestinos	313	+ 3	4.0	15.1
5.25	Chemcard	4%	...	...	...

Revenue	Company	Revenue	Change	Revenue	Change
1,629.05	Genus	2782	- 78	11	49
537,746.22	GSK ¹	1322.5	- 273	6.0	25
2.25	Gunsynd ²	1/2	...	...	41
23,954.48	Malicon	2591	- 135	...	...
7,760.17	Hikma Pharma ³	12673	- 32	3.0	9
1,815.61	Hitchmed China ⁴	210	- 26	...	...
109.44	Immunodias Sys ⁵	378	...	0.5	...
15.50	ImmuPharm ⁶	495	- 25	...	1
7,012.38	Indiniv	2915	- 25
54.14	Innovation Health ⁷	7991	+ 1	0.7	12

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Midcap (million)	Company	Price Wtd (p) +/- Ytd% P/E	Midcap (million)	Company	Price Wtd (p) +/- Ytd% P/E	Midcap (million)	Company	Price Wtd (p) +/- Ytd% P/E	Midcap (million)	Company	Price Wtd (p) +/- Ytd% P/E	Midcap (million)	Company	Price Wtd (p) +/- Ytd% P/E
18.06	ORCO	375 - 1% - 12.0	325.62	Bloombury Pub	199 - 5% 2.2 16.4	68.35	Gender Gld	305 + 4% - -	18.31	Serabi Gold	255 - 3% - 3.4	532.45	Reneval	665 - 8% - 14.0
3,627.21	Modiclinic Int	492 - 2% - 30.7	0.56	Bentall Group	5% + % - -	1.72	Genex	% - - - 0.3	1,035.21	Serica Energy	379.5 - 10% 0.5 -	6,475.23	Reintell Hl	519 - 33% 1.4 38.8
2.59	BN Pharma	13 - - - 1.9	18.60	Calxell Media	0% - - - -	629.23	BRO Gold	485 + % 7.8 5.7	95.96	Shanta Gold	9% + % 1.2 9.8	588.77	Antares	430 + % 0.5 5.1
169,485.62	Novartis	704.25 - 15% 3.4 8.9	0.78	Colson	0% - - - -0.5	7.72	ROR Minerals	% - - - -0.5	166,123.65	Sheikh	229.5 - 3% 2.6 12.1	259.83	Arando	418 - 33% 1.4 37.1
7.13	Omnia Diets	3 + % - -1.1	569.16	Daily Mail	270 - - 0.9 10.3	2.38	Edwards Energy	11 - - - -0.7	18.23	Sand Energy	1 - - % - 6.9	36.82	Robert Walters	480 - 1% 3.6 10.9
7.95	Quora Bio	95 - - - 2.7	25.34	DGP Media	10 - 50 - 5.0	6.25	Empire Energy	1 - % - 7.4	4.41	Sinima Resources	- - - - -	331	Robtech Food Grp	13 - - - 1.9
402.45	Oxford Biomedica	425 - 2% - 18.8	99.35	Elecut	5% - - - -	4,101.64	Endeavour Mining	161 - 9% 2.8 24.7	2.84	Tertiary Minerals	% - - - -4.8	562.77	RPS Group	210 - - 0.1 9.1
2.78	Phylosoma Sales	25 + % - -1.1	1,504.82	Eurocom Inx	1350 - - 0.7 -	594.44	Endust	20% - 1% - 1.8	12.99	Thor Mining	% - - - -3.9	4,936.12	RS Group	1040 - 3% 2.4 25.4
13.58	Protonome	45 + % - -	2,002.58	Future	1657 + 0 0.1 28.5	178.35	Enaria Mining	6% + 1% - -	6.18	Tower Resources	% - - - -4.4	2.70	RTC Group	19 - 1% - -
44,799.33	Redcliff Denck	626 - 30% 2.7 -	1,215.22	Globaflex	1047% - 2% 1.6 8.3	26.75	Enova Oil&Gas	2% - - - 25.4	63.03	Tulsa Oil	47% - 1% - 4.7	1,314.83	USX Hldg	337% - 12% 2.7 30.6
9.32	RMA Life Sciences	445 - 1% - 4.2	189.06	Hyve Group	5% - - - -	692.35	Futura	151% - 4% 9.1 1.1	35.18	UK Oil & Gas	- - - - 9.8	181.61	Scheer Group	400 - 5 1.9 18.4
105.91	Stream Hldg	160 - - - -	76.29	IC Design Gr	80% - 5% 9.8 12.3	5,373.32	Firenello	730 + 1% 3.3 17.2	3.29	URU Metals	200 - 1% - 6.1	1,017.60	Serra Grp	161% - 18% 1.3 6.6
9,155.83	Smith & Neph	105 - 8% 2.5 28.3	7,907.06	Informa	55.5% - 9% - -	43.00	GJ Exploration	28 - - - -2.6	9.16	Urb Foot	% - - - 0.4	70.59	Sinima Resou	250 - 1% 1.7 2.7
709.27	Stora Helt	2225 - 5% - -	2,955.72	ITV	63% - 1% - 6.8	32.40	Galentis Gold	31% - % - 5.3	7,339.54	Sinerra Kappa	383% - 6% 3.4 12.9	1,341	Online Blockchain	17% + 1% - 9.0
41.02	Sunlighter	250 - 1% - 0.8	7.95	Jayhawk	7% - - - -	18.31	GMI Resources	7% + % - -0.8	66.72	Starling Bio	40% - 4% - 30.9	122.17	Quint Metrics	90 - 1% 1.8 42.1
36.49	Tissue Research	35 - - - -5.3	0.96	Live Company Gp	3% - % - -0.7	51.15	Gem Diamonds	34% + 1% 5.0 3.8	4.82	Westmont Eng	3 - - - 0.6	0.76	Perry	8% - - - -
64.64	Totally	345 - 3% 1.4 54.7	0.78	Mindacore	- - - - -0.7	12.61	Getach	18% - 1 - -0.4	99.002	Wood Grp (I)	143 + 10% - 5.8	20.46	Pennant Ind	29 - 1% - 9.8
122.37	Trifolia	365 + 0 1.7 75.2	0.56						35.91	Thomson Group	24% - 1 - -3.9	1,340.59	Phytech	451 - 3% - 4.2
16.23	Vetria	18 - 1% - -	0.78											

Industrials

152.44	Access Tech	735	- 15%	-	-
33,948.29	ASAP	3630	- 13%	- 7.6	7.1
45,089.13	Bayer DMS	45875	- 50%	- 3.6	53.5
6.39	Bayer Tied	170	+	+	- 5.8
12.48	Byetech	25	-	-	- 1.1
4.93	Comb Co Times	65	-	-	- 9.0
912.74	Coats Group	575	- 1	- 2.4	12.8
8,578.55	Croda	640	- 4%	- 1.4	28.0
97.94	Cropper Chemical	1025	- 10	- 31.3	
633.30	Elements	1805	- 1	-	- 1.1
10.69	Harvard	18	- 1	-	- 3.4
3,439.72	Johnson Math	1984	- 24	- 3.5	25.0
7,042.90	Mondell	1450	- 17	- 3.5	11.0
13.40	Monroe	80	-	-	- 6.8
3,435.24	Smith (DS)	2655	- 1%	- 4.5	15.0
5,572.24	Suave Profit	6150	- 12%	- 2.5	-
30.49	Symphony Energy	160	-	-	- 1.1
771.04	Synthomer	1655	- 25%	- 10.4	3.4
37,505.41	Takela Pharm	23755	- 1%	- 4.8	13.3
87.01	Velocis	640	-	-	- 1.1
1,452.65	Vetria	1821	- 10%	- 3.5	19.8
129.03	Watersley Group	619	- 9	- 2.4	14.2
122.90	Zotefamco	254	- 5	- 2.4	15.3

Leisure

508.67	888 Hlgs	118	- 5%	- 9.3	8.7
247.99	Accesso Tech	400	+	+	- 15.0
41.42	Best of the Best	640	- 10	- 1.1	- 4.6
9,304.92	Carnival	812	- 30%	- 4.3	-
103.03	Colfax	105	-	-	- 10.7
37.98	Crowdcast	25	- 1	-	- 1.1
1,047.90	Domino's Pizza	2445	- 10%	- 4.9	12.4
7,142.53	Entain	1213	- 5%	-	- 27.1
16,185.36	Flutter Ent	2020	- 0%	-	- 1.1
86.75	Gaming Realms	295	- 2%	-	- 1.1
15.30	Horseshoe	290	-	-	- 12.5
6.76	Horizon	185	-	-	- 11.1
3.39	Hermes Profit	145	-	-	- 1.1
8,492.59	Intercom HTS	4670	- 12%	- 45.7	-
7.56	Minion Gp	1	-	-	- 7.8
1,101.07	Orion & Batters	1695	- 3%	-	- 1.1
233.44	On The Beach	1405	- 14%	- 7.3	-
582.81	PPHE Hotel	1370	- 6%	-	- 1.1
343.92	Rank Gp	745	- 5%	-	- 10.0
337.35	Restaurant Gp	44	- 2%	-	- 8.3
16.79	Retail	34	-	-	- 1.1
20.00	Santa	20	-	-	- 1.1
1,742.91	SSE Group	219	- 6%	- 4.2	-
7.50	Tasty	55	-	-	- 6.5
38.01	Tintex	260	- 1%	-	- 6.3
2,444.84	Tui	1365	- 1%	- 1.4	-
6.49	Wells Holdings	15	-	-	- 1.1
667.06	Whitbread JD	515	- 6	- 4.0	-
5,315.36	Whitbread	2631	- 29	-	-
625.79	Young & Co - A	1070	- 20	-	-
395.04	Young & Co - B	631	- 3	-	-

Media

6.32	Fidelity Gp	5	-	-	- 1.8
6.65	Acronia Comm	72	- 2	-	- 19.9
19.13	Alibaba Group	27	-	-	- 1.1
10.90	Amtech Gp	815	- 3	- 3.3	11.2
964.31	Arctical	2235	- 3%	-	-
5,725.81	Auto Trader	6145	- 6%	- 0.8	30.9

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price	Wkly pt	+/- YTD	P/E
325.62	Bloomberg Pbt	109	-	5%	2.2
6.96	Bentley Group	55	-	0%	-
18.40	Calsonic Motor	875	-	-	-
0.78	Colson	5	-	-	-
56.16	Daily Mail	270	-	-	0.9
2.54	DD Media	100	-	-	5%
59.20	Elmag	51	-	-	-
1,504.92	Eurochem Int	1550	-	-	0.7
2,002.58	Future	1657	-	0	0.1
1,235.22	GlobalData	10475	-	2%	1.6
189.06	Hive Group	65	-	-	-
36.29	IG Design Gr	180	-	5%	8.8
7,707.04	Informa	5915	-	6%	-
2,953.72	ITV	635	-	1%	-
7.00	Jaywalk	75	-	-	-
0.27	Live Company Gr	35	-	1%	-
0.94	Mediaset	-	-	-	-
8.15	Media Gp	34	-	-	-

Natural resources

1.92	ADM Energy	5	-	-	-
2.67	Advance Energy	5	-	-	-0.1
156.16	AFC Energy	215	-	4%	-
-	Albion PLC	-	-	-	-
9.91	Alko Mineral Res	5	-	-	-3.1
28.10	Allen Metals	5	-	-	-
2,416.64	Alumina	835	-	2%	5.5
47.36	Amber	15	-	-	-6.1
18.82	Amor Minerals Corp	125	-	-	-
16,372.22	Anglo Iron Ore	51715	-	4%	7.9
32,619.63	Ang Am	21815	-	10%	6.3
81.35	Anglo Asian Mining	71	-	2	0.1
11,174.63	Antofagasta	11335	-	6%	6.6
39.24	ARC Minerals	25	-	-	-2.1
32.57	Arrium Res	25	-	-	-3.8
2.18	Asia Resource	5	-	-	-2.1
11.46	Armazale Corp	15	-	-	-
21.03	Arrium Res	1	-	-	-
300.74	Atsugi Metals	215	-	8	13.6
14.62	Barrick Gold	-	-	-	-
36.10	Barrick Mining	42	-	1%	-
4.57	Bentley	-	-	-	-5.1
113,220.65	BHP Group	2237	-	4%	9.7
38.09	Boulder & Siski You	5	-	1%	-
82.33	Boulevard	205	-	1%	-
13.41	Boulton	4	-	1%	-4.1
84,639.73	BPL	452	-	1%	3.4
17.51	Cruden Mill	105	-	1%	1.1
6.35	Cruden Mill	25	-	-	-36.1
107.16	Columbia Mining	535	-	-	-0.0
742.94	Copricorn Energy	2255	-	4%	1.5
67.52	Copper Securities	3	-	-	-88.2
1,012.59	Continental	875	-	4	5.9
400.46	Cent Asia Metals	2275	-	6%	7.1
100.00	Chinalco Gold	145	-	5	-
187.77	Chinalco Oil & Gas	195	-	-	-
14.65	China Eastern Gold	35	-	-	-
1.47	Comstar Energy	-	-	-	-1.2

Market cap (million)	Company	Price: \$/share	YTD %	1Y %	3Y %
48.95	Conder Gold	385	- 4%	-	-
1.72	Conder	5	-	-	- 0.3
0.2928	DRD Gold	885	- 5%	- 7.0	5.2
7.72	ECR Minerals	5	-	-	- 4.5
2.80	Edmonton Energy	11	-	-	- 0.7
8.25	Empire Energy	1	-	-	- 1.1
4,101.64	Endeavour Mining	141	- 9%	- 2.0	24.2
554.45	EnQuest	205	- 1%	-	- 1.8
178.39	Evania Mining	6	-	-	- 1.1
26.75	Evros Oilfield	25	-	-	- 25.4
0.8235	Ferbaco	1515	- 4%	- 9.4	1.1
5,275.32	Fresnillo	270	- 1%	- 3.3	17.2
43.06	G3 Exploration	28	-	-	- 2.6
32.40	Genesis Gold	315	-	-	- 5.5
13.51	GEO Resources	75	-	-	- 6.0
51.15	Gem Diamonds	385	- 1%	-	- 5.0
12.45	Getech	185	- 1	-	- 8.4
63,615.28	Glencore	4395	- 5%	- 1.8	- 19.9
3.57	Global Petrol	5	-	-	- 4.2
5,935.76	Gold Fields	6555	- 40%	- 3.9	10.2
17.20	Goldstar	105	-	-	- 7.7
37.67	Goldstone Res	75	-	-	- 1.1
393.31	Grain Gold	85	-	-	- 1.1
144.29	Gulfstream	325	-	-	- 9.1
477.51	Gulf Keystone	221	- 14	-	- 3.6
4,209.99	Harbour Energy	430	-	-	- 3.0
15.31	Harland & Wolff Gp	95	-	-	- 0.7
303.39	Hochschild	59	- 4	-	- 5.3
211.42	Horizonte Metals	111	- 5%	-	-
27.95	Hummingbird Res	7	-	-	- 8.0
455.23	Hunting PLC	276	- 16	- 2.1	- 7.0
85.67	Iron Energy	76	- 15	-	- 3.8
4.99	Independ Res	5	-	-	- 0.7
47.27	Indus Gp	250	- 3	-	- 16.2
7.96	Innovate	5	-	-	- 3.9
205.75	ITA Power	315	- 50%	-	-
140.50	Jubilee Metals	135	-	-	- 11.2
3.04	Kent Oilfield Res	2	-	-	- 1.1
23.03	Kerr Gold and Copper	5	-	-	- 2.4
408.16	Keweenaw Res	430	- 2%	-	- 2.5
36.84	Lamprell	85	-	-	- 0.7
21.61	Lend Lease	185	-	-	- 4.2
5.13	Lend Lease	5	-	-	- 1.1
4.10	London Res	15	-	-	- 2.4
9.02	London Gold	35	-	-	- 0.1
65.23	AK Mining	33	-	-	- 7.6
20.89	Metals Exploration	1	-	-	- 1.7
1.90	Noranda Term	5	-	-	- 1.5
6.92	Nostrum Gp	25	-	-	- 1.1
4,545.45	Oil Search	2185	- 5%	- 0.1	60.3
13.60	Olefin	5	-	-	- 3.7
4.84	Oriskany Resources	5	-	-	- 2.2
3.97	Oriskany Metals	5	-	-	- 2.7
24.08	Oriskany Mining	135	-	-	- 7.4
38.24	Pan African Res	145	- 1%	-	- 4.7
0.2534	Pantheon Res	115	-	-	-
0.142	Parmat Gp	59	- 2	-	- 4.0
223.33	Petra Diamonds	115	- 15%	-	- 3.8
2.91	Petra Res	1165	-	-	-

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Obituaries

Sterling Lord

Leading literary agent who saw the talent of an unknown writer called Jack Kerouac and doggedly pursued a publisher for *On the Road*

When Jack Kerouac handed Sterling Lord the manuscript for *On the Road*, the two men on the surface had little in common.

Kerouac was a rough-hewn, hard-drinking bohemian renegade on his way to becoming the godfather of the Beat generation. Lord was an urbane, athletic and dapper literary agent, dressed in a tweed jacket and neck tie and who, by his own admission, represented the kind of orderly, middle-class world that "the Beats were trampling on".

Yet when he read Kerouac's manuscript, he knew he had stumbled upon a fresh and distinctive literary talent and undertook to get *On the Road* published. "I had no idea whether it was going to be a big success or not. But I thought Kerouac's voice was different and should be heard. That's all I was thinking," he later said.

As Lord hawked *On the Road* around New York's publishing houses, few shared his enthusiasm for Kerouac's unorthodox roman à clef and its picaresque tale of sex, drugs, jazz and hedonistic freedom.

One editor wrote to Lord that although Kerouac clearly had some merit as a writer, *On the Road* was "not a well-made novel, nor a saleable one, nor even a good one". Others were even less complimentary and as the rejection letters piled up, a deflated Kerouac told Lord to stop submitting the manuscript.

However, his agent was on a mission and ignored his client's instructions. Three years after Kerouac had walked into Lord's basement office in Manhattan in 1952 and taken the manuscript

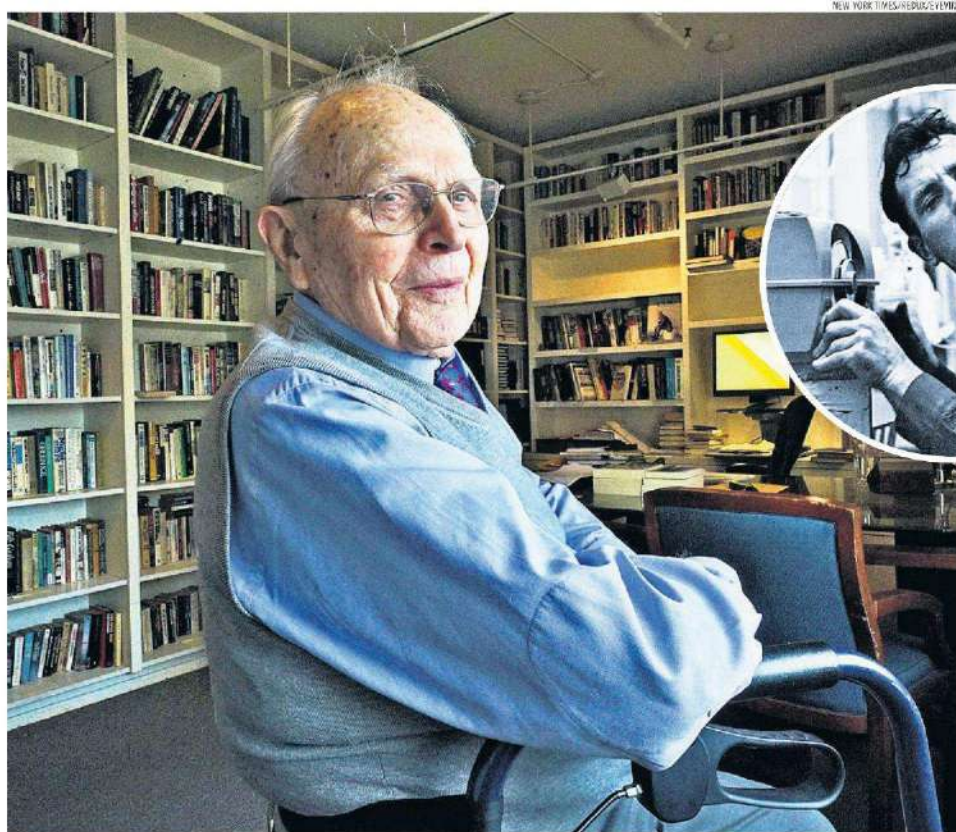
When Kerouac asked him to stop selling the novel Lord disobeyed

out of a weather-beaten knapsack and unwrapped it from the string and old newspaper in which it was encased, Lord finally sold excerpts of the novel to *The Paris Review* and to *New World Writing*. The same issue of the latter also carried an extract from *Catch-22* by Joseph Heller, who (like Kerouac) had to wait several years for a mainstream publisher to take up the novel that also became a touchstone of 20th-century American literature.

An editor from Viking Press contacted Lord to offer an advance of \$900. Lord held out for \$1,000 and on its publication in 1957, *On the Road* was a sensation, hailed by *The New York Times* as "the most beautifully executed, the clearest and the most important utterance yet made by the generation Kerouac himself named years ago as 'Beat', and whose principal avatar he is".

The book went on to sell more than five million copies and inspired a generation to follow in the tracks of the novel's free-wheeling heroes Sal Paradise (based on Kerouac himself) and Dean Moriarty (modelled on his friend Neal Cassady) in search of enlightenment and self-discovery.

Lord and Kerouac became close friends, the agent often staying with the author at his mother's home in Florida when they wanted to escape the hurly-burly of New York. Yet he was unable to halt Kerouac's decline into alcoholism.



Sterling Lord in 2016. He described Jack Kerouac, right, as a "diamond in the rough" who would argue over the last comma

Lord, who didn't drink, lent his client money for groceries when he was broke and paid for a doctor who attempted to get Kerouac to clean up. Yet he was eventually forced to admit defeat.

"Fond as I was of Jack, I was only his literary agent, not his life agent," he wrote in his 2013 memoir *Lord of Publishing*.

He described Kerouac as "a diamond in the rough", who was highly serious about his writing and would argue over the last comma, but failed to come to grips with the meteoric success that *On the Road* had brought him. "He couldn't handle it. It was all too quick and overwhelming for him," he wrote.

After Kerouac had drunk himself to death in 1969 at the age of 47, Lord oversaw the posthumous publication of further works but profited little from having been *On the Road*'s only champion when no American publisher would touch the book. For many years he kept the famous 120ft scroll of tracing paper on which Kerouac had typed the original manuscript in his safe but he made no money from its sale at Christie's in 2001 for \$2.43 million.

He didn't even ask Kerouac to sign a first edition of the book, copies of which have changed hands for \$20,000. "I wasn't thinking of it; I was thinking of helping Jack," he said, adding that even if he had a signed copy he never would have been able to bring himself to sell it.

After his success with Kerouac, hopeful novelists besieged Lord with requests to represent them. "I had writers who got into cars and drove across the country to give me their manuscripts," he said. "They were lousy."

However, the Kerouac connection indirectly brought him another high-profile client from the counterculture in Ken Kesey. When Viking was about to publish

Kesey's first and most celebrated novel *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*, Lord was asked if he could persuade Kerouac to write a few words of commendation for the book's back cover.

Kerouac declined, but Lord was so impressed by the book that by the time of Kesey's second novel, *Sometimes a Great Notion* (1964), he had become his agent. He only managed to bring Ker-

ouac and Kesey together once, when Kesey was in New York in 1964 with his Merry Pranksters, whose LSD-laced exploits were celebrated in Tom Wolfe's *The Electric Kool-Aid Acid Test*, but the two bohemian heroes did not hit it off. Lord said that Kerouac, whom he described as "a little shy and retiring", had nothing to say to his fellow author and left after an hour, "uncomfortable with Kesey's overwhelming display of exuberance".

His two clients, he noted, represented contrasting facets of the counter-

After setting up a new literary agency at 99, he said, 'life begins at 100'

culture; "the Beats and the Pranksters showed us different ways of opting out of society but while the Beats were trying to change literature, the Pranksters were trying to change the country".

What both appreciated was the calm reassurance Lord offered them. "To be effective as a literary agent, you have to constantly hope and generate the optimism to believe that you will make every deal," he wrote in his memoir. When he visited Kesey's farm in Oregon and fell off a wagon while tossing hay, the writer told him, "It's the first time I've ever seen you when you weren't in total control."

Lord's dedication to the world of

books was at the expense of his private life. He was married and divorced four times and is survived by his daughter Rebecca, but admitted that he

had a better relationship with his writers than his wives. "I guess growing up I learnt more about writing than women," he said.

He was born in Burlington, Iowa, in 1920, the son of Ruth and Sterling Lord Sr, an executive in a furniture company, who was also an amateur bookbinder, to which his son attributed his love of literature. After he became an agent, many were convinced that his striking moniker was a pseudonym. "What was your name before you changed it?" a friend once asked him. When one of his writer's books was translated into Portuguese, the author's grateful acknowledgement was translated as "to the Supreme God".

He graduated with a degree in English from Grinnell College, where he also edited the student newspaper and was a tennis champion and towards the end of the Second World War was drafted into the US Army. Shipped to Europe, he edited the Forces' newspaper, *Stars and Stripes*, before returning to America in 1949 with a French wife in tow.

The career he had hoped for as a magazine editor stalled when he was sacked by *Cosmopolitan* and he founded the Sterling Lord Literary Agency, convinced that an older generation of agents had failed to spot changes in the postwar literary marketplace.

In addition to the novels of Kerouac and Kesey, he represented American sports stars and politicians, among them the former US Defence Secretary Robert McNamara, Ted Kennedy and Judge John Sirica, who presided over the Watergate trials.

One project he declined was Lyndon B Johnson's memoir. Johnson asked Lord to negotiate a \$1 million advance and informed him that he would be required to lower his usual commission because of the prestige of representing a former US president. When *The Vantage Point* was published in 1971, it was panned by critics as a bland self-justification. Lord did negotiate a deal for the parody *Quotations from Chairman LBJ*, which became a bestseller.

In later years Lord represented the crime reporter Nicholas Pileggi and brokered the deal for Martin Scorsese to adapt his *Wiseguy: Life in a Mafia Family* as the 1990 Academy Award-winning film *Goodfellas*.

In the end he became the longest-serving literary agent in the business, setting up a new agency at the age of 99. Quipping that life begins at 100, he then negotiated the publication of *Little Boy*, the final work by the veteran Beat poet Lawrence Ferlinghetti (obituary February 24, 2021), who was a year older than he was.

Sterling Lord, literary agent, was born on September 3, 1920. He died on September 3, 2022, aged 102

Register

Marco Goldschmied

Architect who was the 'business brain' for the Richard Rogers Partnership on projects such as the Lloyd's Building and the Dome

Before anyone at Richard Rogers's practice could get too excited about projects on the drawing board that would change the face of British architecture, they had to face tough questions from Marco Goldschmied.

Goldschmied was Rogers's "business brain", who helped to keep a grip on costs for big and complicated projects such as the Pompidou Centre in Paris, the Lloyd's Building in the City of London and Heathrow Terminal 5.

The Millennium Dome, an innovative, vast tensile structure supported on 12 steel towers on wasteland in London's Docklands, exemplified Goldschmied's rigour. The building to house a grand exhibition to mark the new millennium was delivered for £43 million, well under the project budget. Yet, as the cost of the exhibition itself spiralled above £700 million, the Dome was labelled a criminal waste of public money.

During the furore, the practice was banned from publicly defending the building itself, which has become one of the capital's landmarks and still thrives as a 20,000-seat events venue. It was typical of the sort of ingenious problem-solving that Rogers and his colleagues became renowned for in lively, democratic design meetings. Goldschmied, who could be a robust debater, made sure that innovations were realistic and affordable.

The son of left-wing activist parents, Goldschmied was an idealistic young architect when he teamed up with Rogers (with whom he shared Italian heritage) and Renzo Piano to enter a design competition for a cultural "grand project" in Paris instituted by President Pompidou in 1971.

After the unknown young team's astonishing victory led to the completion of their design for the Pompidou Centre in 1977, Goldschmied was one of the four founding partners (along with Rogers, John Young and Mike Davies) of the Richard Rogers Partnership. For 20 years from 1984 he was managing director as the practice completed the Lloyd's Building in 1986 and then did projects all over the world. "Marco was an architect who possessed a sharp commercial brain, a relentless entrepreneurial spirit and spearheaded our commercial and strategic business



Goldschmied, second left, in 1971 with Richard Rogers, Su Rogers, John Young and Renzo Piano after winning a big scheme

planning during his many years at the practice," said a statement from the company, which is now called RSHP.

Young recalled that when RRP was vying with Arup Associates (the architectural wing of the engineering firm Ove Arup, which often collaborated with RRP) for the Lloyd's Building job in the late Seventies, he found himself using a urinal adjacent to the client and said, "If you chose Arup Associates you only get Arup, but if you chose us, you get Arup too."

Marco Lorenzo Sinnott Goldschmied was born in Harrogate, Yorkshire, in 1944 to an English mother, Elinor Sinnott, and an Italian father, Guido Goldschmied, whom she had met at the London School of Economics in 1930s. The family moved to Trieste in northern Italy in 1946 and his natural interest in building things was encouraged at a Rudolf Steiner school in Milan. After his father's death in 1955, Elinor returned to London with Marco, where she worked

as a social worker and brought with her techniques of early childcare and education that she had pioneered in Italy. Marco completed his schooling at William Ellis Grammar School in Gospel Oak, northwest London.

In 1963 he began his studies at the Architectural Association, where he met Davies and Young, who recalled Goldschmied as "Mr Cool with a fag dangling out of your mouth as you methodically explained your scheme". He was also arrested for publicly "duelling" with a fellow AA student while dressed in pink in a publicity stunt for a party; Goldschmied booked Pink Floyd for £150 to play all night.

Goldschmied soon joined the practice of Richard Rogers and Su Rogers in 1969. Before long he was caught up in the romance of the Pompidou Centre commission in Paris, where Young recalled meetings with Goldschmied in which their baby sons were tucked up in Moses baskets under the table.

Goldschmied had always been an activist, from being a teenaged member of CND to being arrested at the anti-Vietnam war protests outside the US embassy (where he might have also cast an admiring eye on Eero Saarinen's modernist bomb-proof building).

In 1998 he set up the Marco Gold-

He was arrested for publicly 'duelling' with another AA student

schmied Foundation and launched the Stephen Lawrence Prize (in memory of the young man who was murdered in a racist attack in 1993 and whose ambition was to become an architect). The award recognises the best architecture projects with a construction budget of less than £1 million.

Goldschmied used his two year-term as president of the Royal Institute for

British Architects (Riba) from 1999 to "rattle cages" at Portland Place about making the profession more accessible to people from poorer backgrounds. He was also the first Riba president to talk about the need for more energy efficient buildings to combat climate change.

He married Andrea Halvorsen, who was training to become a teacher, in 1969. They divorced in the late 1990s, but were reconciled before his death. He is survived by their children Ben, Asa, Matthew, Emma and Dan. Matthew, an architectural designer and consultant, now runs the Marco Goldschmied Foundation.

Goldschmied's greatest legacy at RRP was to devise a model whereby ownership of the practice was transferred to a charitable trust to protect the company's statutes, which stipulate projects it can take on (as such it must have nothing to do with war or weapons or the exploitation of workers) as well as inclusivity in recruitment. The model is still in place.

Goldschmied left RRP in some acrimony in 2004 after a disagreement with Richard Rogers over the direction of the practice. Rogers (obituary December 19, 2021) settled on his succession plan by creating a partnership with Ivan Stirk and Graham Harbour to form RSHP. Goldschmied set up his own design studio, and purchased RRP's old office at Thames Wharf Studios in Hammersmith, which he developed into apartments and also ran a property portfolio in the UK and Switzerland. Last year he launched a £250,000 bursary to support young people from underprivileged backgrounds studying architecture.

A collector of classic cars, Goldschmied recently campaigned for more to be done to help small architecture practices in danger of going out of business because of the soaring cost of professional indemnity insurance since the Grenfell Tower fire in 2017. His proposed mutual insurance model for small practices — based on agreeing to submit to a dispute resolution system to reduce the possibility of expensive litigation — is being taken forward by the Riba.

Marco Goldschmied, architect, was born on March 28, 1944. He died of lung cancer on July 7, 2022, aged 78

Mike Burrows

Self-taught engineer who designed the bike Chris Boardman rode in 1992 to win Britain's first cycling Olympic gold in 72 years

The metaphysical power of abstract sculpture was never better demonstrated than when Mike Burrows saw a piece by Barbara Hepworth and was inspired to design an Olympic gold medal-winning bicycle.

In 1992 Chris Boardman rode a bike based on Burrows's design as he broke the 4,000m men's individual pursuit world record at the Barcelona Olympics, defeated the German world champion Jens Lehmann, and won Great Britain's first Olympic cycling gold for 72 years.

Self-taught, mildly eccentric and definitely maverick, the British engineer completed his first version of the carbon fibre bike (the Mk1 Monocoque) in 1985, but it would take several years and the overturning of a ban from the cycling authorities before the competition-ready machine, built by Lotus, was wheeled out. Boardman described it as "the most elegant, beautiful piece of machinery that's ever been designed. I had the lightest, fastest bike in the world."

Michael Burrows was born in St Albans in 1943, the oldest of three siblings to Richard and Kathleen Burrows. His father was a toolmaker for the de Havilland aircraft company, who later ran a



Burrows with a prototype of the bike

model shop, which inspired his son to build and fly model aircraft.

He would go on to work in his father's shop and utilised his natural engineering skills in a wide variety of jobs after

settling in Norwich with Tuula Marjatta Hovi, a Finnish nurse whom he married in 1969. He survives him along with their son Paul.

Burrows was a "petrolhead" until the day in the early Seventies when his car broke down. Forced to ride a bicycle instead, he was soon tinkering with it to improve its performance. Before long, making bicycles had replaced bird-watching as his main hobby and by the early Eighties he was entering his streamlined trike called the Windcheetah Speed Machine into the international Human Powered Vehicle (HPV) trials. Another of his HPVs, a compact recumbent trike, evolved into the Speedy Windcheetah SL, one of his most successful designs.

Two years later Burrows and Kelvin Woodard set up CSS Burrows Engineering, which cornered the UK market in coin packaging machinery. Its success gave him the resources to develop the idea for the carbon fibre monocoque (meaning one integral structure that evenly bears the loads and forces).

Burrows developed a version with a monoblade rather than front forks, which was promptly banned by the

Road Time Trials Council. His Mk2 version in 1990, which had a monoblade and a structural chaincase, with single-sided mounting of both wheels for improved aerodynamic performance, was declared legal. It was this machine that formed the basis of the Lotus Sport bike ridden to Olympic gold.

His reward was a role at Giant, the world's biggest bicycle company. Here he designed the MCR Monocoque, a roadgoing, easily serviced derivative of "the Boardman bike". It was used by Andy Wilkinson to set four British time-trial records, but was banned by the Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI) as it began to take an increasingly tough stance on technical innovation.

Burrows also designed recumbents and advanced city bikes. These machines started life in his workshop, where he would potter about in oily overalls and wooden clogs to the sound of classical music.

His biggest success with Giant came in 1994 with his TCR Compact Road bike, which had an unusually small frame and a top tube sloping towards the rear of the bike at about 15 degrees. It was stiffer in torsion, slightly more

compliant vertically, and had an extra-long seat pillar. The TCR greatly reduced the need for different-sized frames and set the pattern for road bikes for the next quarter-century.

Burrows, who was not shy of voicing his opinion, claimed that the design of bicycles had changed little because designers were too often constrained by set parameters. In 1996 he claimed that the UCI made the ultimate retrograde step by imposing strict limitations on bike design for competition so as to put more emphasis on the athlete rather than the engineer. It led to him leaving Giant in 2000 "because the UCI was stopping me building better bikes".

He remained active, producing the ultra-light Racer GT long-wheel-base recumbent. He liked to say: "I'm not the best bicycle designer in the world, I'm the only bicycle designer in the world."

Mike Burrows, bike designer, was born on April 17, 1943. He died of lung cancer on August 15 2022, aged 79

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Lives remembered

Mavis Nicholson



Annie Macdonald writes: In your excellent obituary of Mavis Nicholson (September 13) you describe her as an interviewer "with a knack for making her subjects talk about matters that they had never previously confronted in public".

I indeed she had. And I can add to that: sometimes they'd never even confronted them in private.

I worked with her at Thames Television for many years during the 1970s and as her researcher I witnessed her interview with Moira Shearer during which she asked about her dancing in the film *The Red Shoes*.

"Your mother was a dancer too," Mavis said. To our surprise, Moira Shearer started to cry quietly. "She had been," she said tearfully, "apparently a wonderful dancer. But when I was born she took to her bed." More sobs.

Mavis leant forward and touched Shearer's hand. "Oh dear; she was ill?"

"No no; just so overwhelmed by this baby being there, crying and needy, that she never got up again."

Both subject and interviewer were by now very tearful.

Mavis had a way of making it so easy to confide in her things that, like this one, had never been shared with anyone.

Her postbag after that interview was enormous. She usually replied to all her letters, but now she and I were convinced that a whole team of skilled people would have to be recruited to deal with such personal confidences.

And so Jeremy Isaacs found us an extra office and salaries for four young ladies who were called the Access Unit and they sorted the correspondence into standard replies and those few which Mavis replied to personally. But she signed them all.

This led to the *Predicaments* series, which she fronted and I worked on for the next three years, produced by Catherine Freeman.

Mark Girouard



Peter Wolton writes: Your obituary (August 24) rightly stressed Mark Girouard's "fluent clarity that combined

deep scholarship and entertaining liveliness". This was perhaps nowhere more evident, nor to a larger audience, than his enthralling episode in the 1975 BBC series *Spirit of the Age*, which celebrated eight centuries of British architecture. Titled "All that money could buy," Girouard took viewers on a tour of opulent Victorian buildings, starting with St Pancras and taking in, among others, Thoresby Hall, the Reform Club, Keble College and the Grand Hotel, Scarborough.

It was clear the hotel at St Pancras was empty, so his infectious zeal led me to inquire about a stay at the Grand in Scarborough, which, I was to discover, was owned by Butlin's.

Donald Sartin



Richard Gillis writes: I first knew Donald Sartin (obituary, September 9) when he was artistic director of the Dundee

Repertory Theatre.

I went to see him when he became administrative director of the Young Vic. Donald explained that the Young Vic and the Old Vic had a single board of management. He went to his first meeting. No one greeted or spoke to him. Donald raised a point during the meeting. No one supported him except one member who came up to him at the end of the meeting and shook his hand warmly. "Donald, glad to have you with us." It was Laurence Olivier.

If you would like to add a personal view or recollection to a published obituary, you post it to Times Obituaries, 1 London Bridge Street, London SE1 9GF, or email it to tributes@thetimes.co.uk

Births, Marriages and Deaths

"WELL done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master." Matthew 25:21 (ESV)

Bible verses are provided by the Bible Society

Births

DEWHURST on 13th September 2022 to Helen (née Morgan-Rees) and Charlie, a son, James Christopher, brother to Florence and a first grandson for Mari and Christopher and Charlotte and David.

FOX on 2nd September 2022 to Nadia Subha (née Lachmansingh) and Kenneth Ian, a daughter, Laila Keira, sister to Taron Hayden. Born at 10.29am at UCLH weighing 8lb 4oz, bringing much joy to her family.

GRIFFITH-JONES on 11th September 2022 to Ruth (née Meredith) and David, a son, Rory brother to Edwin.

Deaths

COLE Vivien (née Forster) died peacefully on 3rd September 2022, aged 94, at The Grange Care Home, Stanford in the Vale. Devoted widow of Denis, much-loved mother to Henry, cherished mother-in-law to Jane and darling Granny Fof to Charlie and Tom. She will be dearly missed by all her family and friends. Private family cremation to be followed by a service of Thanksgiving for her life. All inquiries c/o J Godfrey & Son Funeral Services. Tel: 01367 244044.

RANKIN Heather Hope (née Cox) died peacefully on 3rd September 2022, aged 95, at home. Deeply loved wife of the late John Rankin QC, mother of Hugh, Fenella, Fiona and Andrew, grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral on 3rd October at 12.15pm, Kent & Sussex Crematorium, Tunbridge Wells. Donations, if desired, to Heart of Kent Hospice c/o Viner & Sons Ltd. Tel: 01732 842485. www.vinerandsons.co.uk

ROBINSON Michael Frederick died peacefully on 19th August 2022, aged 72. Beloved husband of Elaine, father of Simon, grandfather of Fraser and Isla. Funeral on 28th September 2022 at St Mary the Virgin, Downe, with a short service of committal thereafter at Bluebell Crematorium, no flowers please but donations to Downe Village Hall restoration fund c/o Alex Jones Funeral directors, Oxted, Surrey.

In Memoriam - Private

ALLISON Victoria Mary Linley (née Messel), died 19th September 2021. Our much-loved Birdy - Charles, Sharon, Kate, Simon and Jackie.

CAROLE ANN It is one year (Sept 19 2021) since we lost our beloved Carole Ann. Always sorely missed by her husband Bruce Anthony, her family in the USA, as well as her adopted family in Spain. Rest in peace and serenity Darling Carole Ann.

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BUSINESS AND PROPERTY
COURTS OF ENGLAND AND WALES
COMPANIES COURT (Ch D)
IN THE MATTER OF TRIBAL GROUP PLC

AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 2006

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on 8 September 2022 a Part 8 Claim Form was issued in Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the cancellation of the share premium account of the Company. AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Claim Form is directed to be heard before an Insolvency and Companies Court Judge at 7 Rolls Building, Fetter Lane, London EC4A 3DF on 27th September 2022. The hearing may take place remotely. ANY creditor or shareholder of the above-named Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order confirming the cancellation of the share premium account should appear at the time of the hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose. A copy of the said Claim Form will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the under-mentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same. DATED this 19th day of September 2022.

TAYLOR WESSING LLP
5 New Street Square
London EC4A 3TW
Solicitors for the above-mentioned Company

CR-2022-002605
IN THE MATTER OF
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AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 2006
Notice is hereby given that a Part 8 Claim Form was, on 8 September 2022, issued by the above-named company (company number 05932738 with its registered office at Corby Innovation Hub, Bangrave Road South, Corby, Northamptonshire, England, NN17 1NN) ("the Company") at the High Court of Justice seeking an order to confirm that the above-named Company's issued share capital is reduced by 5 ordinary B shares of £1.00 each (the Reduction). Notice is further given that the final hearing of the claim as set out in the Part 8 Claim Form is directed to be heard before an Insolvency and Companies Court Judge at The Rolls Building, 7 Rolls Buildings, Fetter Lane, London, EC4A 3DF on 27 September 2022. The hearing may take place remotely. ANY creditor or shareholder of the Company wishing to oppose the making of an order to confirm the Reduction should appear at the time of the hearing in person or by counsel for that purpose. A copy of the Part 8 Claim Form may be obtained, on payment of the regulated charge, from the Company's solicitors: Walker Morris LLP, 33 Wellington Street, Leeds, LS1 4DL (ref: JGS/TPC001685). Dated: 19 September 2022.

Court Circular



Buckingham Palace

17th September, 2022
The Chief of the Defence Staff (Admiral Sir Antony Radakin), the Chief of the General Staff (General Sir Patrick Sanders), First Sea Lord (Admiral Sir Benjamin Key), Chief of the Air Staff (Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Wigston), Vice Chief of the Defence Staff (Major General Gwyn Jenkins) and Commander UK Strategic Command (General Sir James Hockenhull) were received by The King this morning.

The King, subsequently joined by The Prince of Wales, later visited the Metropolitan Police Service Special Operations Room, 109 Lambeth Road, London SE1, in order to thank Emergency Service workers for their work and support in advance of the State Funeral of The late Queen Elizabeth II and were received by His Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Greater London (Sir Kenneth Olisa), the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis (Sir Mark Rowley) and

the Rt Hon Sadiq Khan (Mayor of London).

His Majesty and His Royal Highness afterwards met members of the public queuing to pay their respects to Her late Majesty.

The King and The Queen Consort gave a Luncheon at Buckingham Palace this afternoon for Governors-General at which The Prince and Princess of Wales, The Earl and Countess of Wessex, The Princess Royal and Vice Admiral Sir Tim Laurence, The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester, The Duke of Kent and Princess Alexandra, the Hon Lady Ogilvy were present.

Afterwards the Rt Hon Justin Trudeau MP (Prime Minister of Canada) was received in audience by His Majesty.

The Hon Anthony Albanese MP (Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of Australia) and Mrs Jodie Haydon were received by The King.

The Rt Hon Philip Davis MP (Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas) was received in audience by His Majesty.

The Prime Minister of Jamaica and Mrs Holness were received by The King.

The Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern MP (Prime Minister of New Zealand) and Mr Clark Gayford were received by His Majesty.

Later The President of the United Arab Emirates spoke to The King via telephone.

The King of the Ashanti spoke to His Majesty via telephone.

The President of the Republic of Ghana spoke to The King via telephone.

The Hon Sheikh Hasina MP (Prime Minister of the People's Republic of Bangladesh) spoke to His Majesty via telephone.

The President of the Arab Republic of Egypt spoke to The King via telephone.

The Prince of Wales, The Duke of Sussex, Princess Beatrice, Mrs Edoardo Mapelli Mozzi, Princess Eugenie, Mrs Jack Brooksbank, Mr Peter Phillips, Mrs Michael Tindall, the Lady Louise Mountbatten-Windsor and Viscount Severn Mounted Vigil at the Coffin of Her late Majesty this evening as it Lay in State in Westminster Hall, Palace of Westminster.

The Earl and Countess of Wessex were present.

Buckingham Palace

18th September, 2022

The Rt Hon Elizabeth Truss MP (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury) had an audience of The King this afternoon.

The Prime Minister of Tuvalu and Madame Natano were received by His Majesty.

The Rt Hon Gaston Browne MP (Prime Minister of Antigua and

Barbuda) was received by The King. The Prime Minister of the Independent State of Papua New Guinea and Mrs Marape were received by His Majesty.

The Reverend Tofiga Falani (Governor-General of Tuvalu) and Mrs Falani were received by The King when His Majesty invested His Excellency with the Insignia of a Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of St Michael and St George.

The King and The Queen Consort gave a Reception at Buckingham Palace this evening for Heads of State and Official Overseas Guests at which The Prince and Princess of Wales, The Earl and Countess of Wessex, The Princess Royal and Vice Admiral Sir Tim Laurence, and The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester were present.

Members of Foreign Royal Families, Heads of State, their Representatives, and Representatives from the Commonwealth were received and welcomed to the United Kingdom on the following days: 16th, 17th and 18th September, 2022.

Kensington Palace

18th September, 2022

The Princess of Wales this afternoon received Mrs Olena Zelenska (wife of The President of Ukraine).

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Today Many places will stay dry with sunny spells and a few isolated showers, feeling chilly. Max 19C (66F), min 5C (41F)

Around Britain

Key: b=bright, c=cloud, d=drizzle, pc=partly cloudy, du=dull, f=fair, fg=fog, h=hail, m=mist, r=rain, sh=showers, sl=sleet, sn=snow, s=sun, t=thunder
*previous day **data not available

	Temp C	Rain mm	Sun hr*
Aberdeen	11	C	1.8 1.9
Aberporth	14	PC	0.0 4.3
Anglesey	15	C	0.0 4.1
Aviemore	10	R	1.4 0.6
Barnstaple	16	PC	0.0 **
Bedford	15	PC	0.0 **
Belfast	13	R	0.4 4.0
Birmingham	15	C	0.0 **
Bournemouth	16	PC	0.0 10.3
Bridlington	14	PC	0.0 **
Bristol	16	C	0.0 2.9
Cambridge	15	PC	0.0 9.9
Cardiff	15	C	0.0 6.0
Edinburgh	14	C	0.0 0.0
Eckdalemuir	13	PC	0.4 7.5
Glasgow	14	C	0.0 2.6
Hereford	17	PC	0.0 **
Herstmonceux	16	PC	0.0 3.7
Ipswich	15	PC	0.0 11.1
Isle of Man	14	B	0.0 7.1
Isle of Wight	15	PC	0.0 **
Jersey	17	PC	0.0 11.3
Kewick	14	C	1.2 **
Kinloss	12	C	4.6 0.2
Leeds	13	C	0.0 **
Lerwick	10	PC	0.2 0.6
Leuchars	12	C	0.2 0.0
Lincoln	15	PC	0.0 9.9
Liverpool	16	C	0.0 **
London	16	PC	0.0 3.0
Lyneham	15	PC	0.0 3.3
Manchester	16	SH	0.0 **
Margate	15	C	0.0 **
Milford Haven	15	C	0.0 **
Newcastle	13	C	0.0 **
Nottingham	15	B	0.0 3.9
Orkney	12	C	3.6 0.6
Oxford	16	PC	0.0 **
Plymouth	16	PC	0.0 **
Portland	16	S	0.0 **
Scilly, St Mary's	16	S	0.0 **
Shoreham	16	PC	0.0 3.9
Shrewsbury	16	C	0.0 4.7
Snowdonia	13	C	0.0 **
Southend	16	C	0.0 0.5
South Uist	13	D	4.4 **
Stornoway	13	C	0.0 0.4
Tiree	14	S	1.6 2.3
Whitehaven	13	B	0.0 4.3
Wick	11	C	1.8 **
Yeovilton	15	PC	0.0 5.4

The world

All readings local midday yesterday

Alicante	28	B	Madeira	26	PC
Amsterdam	12	SH	Madrid	25	PC
Athens	22	PC	Malaga	27	B
Auckland	17	PC	Malorca	28	PC
Bahrain	36	S	Malta	30	S
Bangkok	31	B	Melbourne	14	B
Barbados	31	SH	Mexico City	24	B
Barcelona	23	PC	Miami	33	T
Beijing	29	S	Milan	23	S
Beirut	29	PC	Mombasa	28	PC
Belgrade	18	C	Montreal	17	B
Berlin	13	SH	Moscow	13	B
Bermuda	28	PC	Mumbai	27	R
Bordeaux	21	S	Munich	11	R
Brussels	15	PC	Nairobi	20	B
Bucharest	20	S	Naples	23	S
Budapest	13	SH	New Orleans	32	PC
Buenos Aires	23	S	New York	23	PC
Cairo	30	PC	Nice	24	PC
Calcutta	32	S	Nicosia	32	PC
Canberra	14	SH	Oslo	14	PC
Cape Town	17	PC	Paris	18	B
Chicago	29	B	Perth	20	PC
Copenhagen	13	B	Prague	13	PC
Corfu	25	PC	Reykjavik	12	S
Delhi	32	S	Riga	16	SH
Dubai	37	S	Rio de Janeiro	20	R
Dublin	16	PC	Riyadh	39	S
Faro	29	PC	Rome	25	S
Florence	22	S	San Francisco	20	B
Frankfurt	14	B	Santiago	13	B
Geneva	16	S	Sao Paulo	17	PC
Gibraltar	23	PC	Seoul	29	S
Helsinki	13	B	Seychelles	29	PC
Hong Kong	34	PC	Singapore	25	R
Honolulu	32	PC	St Petersburg	13	PC
Istanbul	18	PC	Stockholm	12	B
Jerusalem	30	PC	Sydney	22	S
Johannesburg	26	S	Tel Aviv	30	PC
Kuala Lumpur	28	SH	Tenerife	25	B
Kyiv	**	**	Tokyo	26	SH
Lanzarote	28	PC	Vancouver	16	PC
Las Palmas	25	B	Venice	19	S
Lima	15	DU	Vienna	13	SH
Lisbon	28	S	Warsaw	12	B
Los Angeles	24	PC	Washington	27	S
Luxor	35	S	Zurich	14	PC

Five days ahead

Dry in many areas through mid-week, but turning more unsettled later in the week

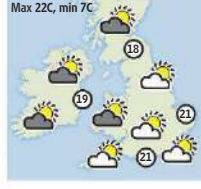
Tomorrow

Most places will stay dry with sunny spells and patchy cloud. It will be cloudier in the north and west with the chance of a few spots of rain in northwestern Scotland.
Max 21C, min 6C



Wednesday

Mainly dry across most of Britain and Ireland with a mixture of sunny spells and patchy cloud. Thicker cloud in western Britain and Ireland with a few spots of rain near western coasts.
Max 22C, min 7C



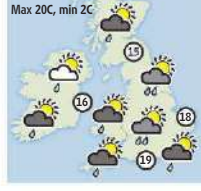
Thursday

Staying mainly dry across southern England and East Anglia. Elsewhere, rather cloudy with rain spreading southwards. Sunny spells and showers across Scotland and Ireland.
Max 22C, min 4C



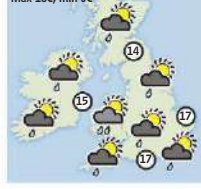
Friday

Generally unsettled with some showery rain in the south, perhaps heavy in places. A mixture of sunny spells and scattered showers in Ireland and northern and western Britain.
Max 20C, min 2C



Saturday

Some bright spells, but a lot of cloud in many places with a scattering of showers spreading in from the north and west. Feeling cool.
Max 18C, min 0C



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Wind speed

34 (mph)

28 (degrees C)

Sea state

Calm

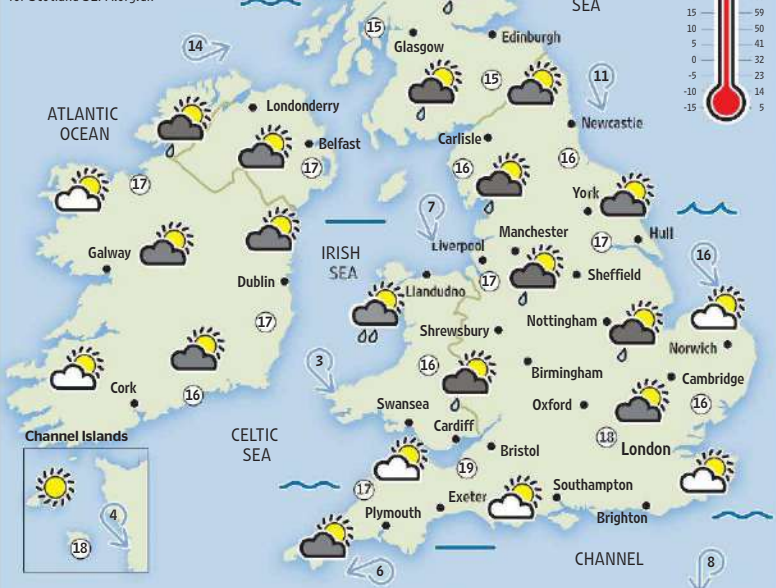
Slight

Moderate

Rough

Flood alerts and warnings

At 17:00 on Sunday there were no flood alerts or warnings in England, Wales or Scotland.
For further information and updates in England visit flood-warning-information.service.gov.uk, for Wales naturalresources.wales/flooding and for Scotland SEPA.org.uk



General situation: A chilly day with sunny spells and isolated showers.
London, SE Eng, E Anglia: Mainly dry with sunny spells, but the small chance of an isolated shower later. Light northwesterly winds, moderate near the coast. Maximum 18C (64F), minimum 5C (41F).
Cen S Eng, SW Eng, Channel Is: Early fog clearing to leave a mainly dry day with sunny spells and patchy cloud. Light northerly winds. Maximum 19C (66F), minimum 5C (41F).

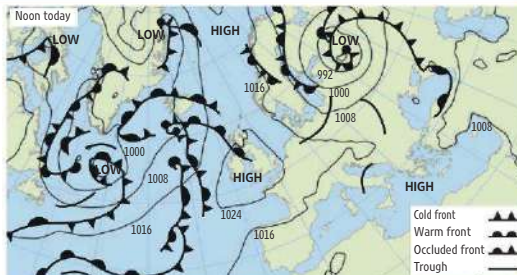
Wales, Midlands, NW Eng, Isle of Man: Rather cloudy with a few scattered showers and some brighter spells. Light northwesterly winds. Maximum 19C (66F), minimum 5C (41F).
Cen N Eng, NW Eng, NE Eng, Borders, Lake District, Edinburgh and Dundee, Aberdeen, Cen Highland, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, N Isles: Most places will stay dry with sunny spells, but cloud may bring a few isolated showers. Light and variable winds. Maximum 17C (63F), minimum 5C (41F).

SW Scotland, Glasgow, NW Scotland, Argyll: Sunny intervals, but rather cloudy with some patchy light rain in places. Light to moderate southwesterly winds. Maximum 16C (61F), minimum 8C (46F).
Republic of Ireland, N Ireland: A largely dry day with sunny intervals, but rather cloudy at times with the small chance of a few light showers. Light southwesterly winds, moderate near the coast. Maximum 19C (66F), minimum 7C (45F).

Tides

Tidal predictions. Heights in metres

Today	Ht	Ht
Aberdeen	08:56 3.2	21:28 3.3
Avonmouth	--:-- --	13:25 9.1
Belfast	06:08 2.8	18:41 3.0
Cardiff	--:-- --	19:21 8.5
Devonport	--:-- --	12:09 4.2
Dover	06:15 5.1	18:45 5.0
Dublin	--:-- --	--:-- --
Falmouth	--:-- --	12:03 3.9
Greenock	06:56 2.7	19:17 2.9
Harwich	06:12 3.2	18:51 3.1
Holyhead	05:33 4.1	18:17 4.2
Leith	--:-- --	13:19 5.4
Liverpool	10:00 4.2	22:29 4.2
Liverpool	06:04 6.8	18:49 6.8
London Bridge	08:11 5.5	20:58 5.5
Lowestoft	04:25 2.2	17:46 2.1
Milford Haven	--:-- --	13:15 4.9
Morecambe	06:18 6.6	19:03 6.7
Newhaven	05:47 4.8	18:23 4.7
Newquay	--:-- --	12:13 5.0
Oban	--:-- --	13:08 2.8
Penzance	--:-- --	12:02 4.1
Portsmouth	06:20 3.6	18:41 3.6
Shoreham	06:06 4.5	18:37 4.4
Southampton	04:23 3.2	16:26 3.1
Swansea	--:-- --	12:57 6.6
Tees	11:10 4.2	23:41 4.2
Weymouth	--:-- --	12:36 1.3



Synoptic situation

High pressure centred to the south and west of Britain and Ireland will deliver largely dry, settled conditions to most places with sunny spells and just a few isolated showers. A weak warm front will drift eastwards across Scotland bringing some extensive low cloud and hill fog in places along with some patchy light rain and drizzle.

Highs and lows

24hrs to 5pm yesterday

Warmest: Pershore, Worcestershire, 18.9C
Coldest: Exeter, 0.8C
Wettest: Resallach, Sutherland, 7.2mm
Sunniest: Jersey, 11.3hrs*

Sun and moon

For Greenwich
Sun rises: 06:41
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Moon rises: 23:56
Moon sets: 17:31 Tue
New Moon: September 25th

Hours of darkness

Aberdeen	19:46-06:19
Belfast	20:01-06:35
Birmingham	19:44-06:20
Cardiff	19:48-06:25
Exeter	19:49-06:27
Glasgow	19:54-06:28
Liverpool	19:48-06:24
London	19:36-06:13
Manchester	19:45-06:21
Newcastle	19:45-06:18
Norwich	19:31-06:07
Penzance	19:57-06:35
Sheffield	19:42-06:18

Weather Eye
Paul Simons



On February 3 Elon Musk's Space X company launched 49 Starlink satellites from a single rocket, but the following day 38 of the satellites had been destroyed, at an estimated loss of tens of millions of dollars.

The satellites had been put into orbit at 210km altitude before they were planned to reach about 600km. But 210km is a very low orbit for satellites, barely scraping above the Earth's upper atmosphere, although it was used to spot any malfunctions in the satellites and if necessary take remedial action.

A study revealed how the satellites had been destroyed. Two storms in quick succession erupted from the sun and pumped almost 1,200 gigawatts of energy into the Earth's upper atmosphere, unleashing a powerful geomagnetic storm that heated the upper atmosphere, increasing the drag on satellites, pulling them down and burning them up.

To avoid a similar fate, Space X is launching its satellites higher, at 320km. But even there the satellites are still not completely safe and in an extreme solar storm the density of the thin atmosphere could still increase up to eightfold. And as the sun is now entering its most active phase in its 11-year solar cycle, extreme storms from the sun are expected to increase to be a big threat to many other satellites operating between 100km to 600km.

Starlink is designed to give high-speed internet connections from space to remote areas on Earth. But the satellites are controversial. It is thought that about 10,000 Starlink satellites will be needed to give full coverage, and Amazon is also planning to launch its Kuiper satellites into similar orbit. The many satellites and assorted junk whirling around the outer reaches of the Earth's atmosphere are a huge hazard. Satellites could collide, creating debris flying at high speeds capable of damaging manned space stations and missions. And the growing numbers of satellites reflecting sunlight are also creating havoc for astronomers.

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Sport

'We have to play well to spread the word'

Shaun Wane has talked to Gareth Southgate and Eddie Jones before the rugby league World Cup, John Westerby writes

Call it an occupational hazard. Across a range of sports in this country, the difference between coaching or management in the club game and similar roles at international level is never more starkly illustrated than in the build-up to a major tournament.

After weeks of planning and sporadic contact with his squad, the international coach suddenly has a limited period of time in which to prepare his players, who assemble from clubs near and far in various states of readiness.

Over the next year this is a task that will be facing Gareth Southgate, with England's footballers at the World Cup in Qatar, Eddie Jones, with the rugby union team in France, and Shaun Wane, as the country's rugby league coach. Wane is up first, with the World Cup on home soil, beginning when his team play Samoa in Newcastle on October 15 and he has been picking the brains of fellow England coaches in preparation.

The main topic of conversation? The hoary old issue of club and country interests and how much access an international coach is granted with players whose primary employment is with a club. "Myself, Eddie and Gareth had a good chat about that, about the challenges I've got with clubs," Wane says. "There are lots of things I want to do with our team, there are lots of things I want to change. But you can't physically give [the players] all the changes you want. We all want one thing, though, and that's for England to be successful."

Southgate backed up that point. "We'd complain about how long we've got to prepare and Shaun has got to pull this all together with really limited preparation time," he said. "We're similar. Going into Qatar, we've got five days with the team before our first game. That's one of the challenges: get your messages across really quickly."

While Southgate is preparing for his final two matches before the World Cup, Wane will spend this week hoping a number of his players come through unscathed after the Super League Grand Final between St Helens and Leeds Rhinos at Old Trafford on Saturday. They will then be ready to join up for three weeks of preparation, with the goal to lift the World Cup at the same venue on November 19.

So how are Wane's preparations going? "It's not the way I wanted," he



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says. "Ask Gareth, ask Eddie, they'd always want more time to embed what you believe. If we get three weeks before it starts, it's making the best of those. That's all we can control."

Making the most of limited time with a squad was, then, the focus of Wane's discussions with Jones and Southgate at the Football Foundation's multi-sport launch. "It's understanding that the players are coming from a 30-odd game season, we can't train with them running ten kilometres a session," Wane says. "It's managing them and prioritising the information we give about how we want to play. We have to be sensible."

Wane, 58, has perhaps had an exaggerated experience of the differences between coaching at club and international levels. After a highly successful playing career as a powerful prop forward, he worked his way up through the ranks with Wigan Warriors, his home-town club, where he spent the majority of his playing career. In eight seasons as head coach, he took them to

Rugby league World Cup

Starts
Saturday, October 15: England v Samoa (St James' Park, Newcastle)
Final
Saturday, November 19 (Old Trafford)
Pool A England, France, Greece, Samoa
Pool B Australia, Fiji, Italy, Scotland
Pool C Ireland, Jamaica, Lebanon, New Zealand
Pool D Cook Islands, Papua New Guinea, Wales, Tonga

five grand finals, winning three of them. Since taking over as England coach, in February 2020, he has taken charge of only three internationals. In part that has been because of the pandemic, which forced the World Cup to be delayed by a year, but also due to the

Tomkins lifts the cup after England's win over Combined Nations All-Stars in June's friendly and Wane, right, contemplates the autumn



fractured nature of the international calendar. Hence the frustration that he has spent limited time with his players.

England have not won the tournament since 1972 and in the most recent edition, under Wayne Bennett in 2017, they were beaten in the final by Australia in Brisbane. After the success England's footballers enjoyed by reaching the final of Euro 2020 last year, Wane has picked Southgate's brain about the particular challenges of a tournament on home soil, when the reactions to victory or defeat can be magnified.

"Gareth is under different pressures than a sport like rugby league because

football is the national sport," Wane says. "Eddie Jones is also on a different level to me. But Gareth stressed that, as a squad, we shouldn't get too excited when we win, or too down if we lose. We're going to be playing in front of 50,000 at St James' Park for the first game, against Samoa, and if things don't go to plan, we mustn't panic. We have to trust the systems we're putting in place and remain level-headed."

Wane has also sought to pick up tips from other sports throughout his coaching career. He has spent time in the US with a number of NFL teams and Dallas Mavericks from the NBA. "The amount of detail they get out there, even just for their warm-ups, was really interesting, and I still use some of what I picked up in America," he says.

He has learnt, also, that too much detail is not necessarily an advantage. "I went to Seattle Seahawks a few weeks ago," he adds. "They're so heavily resourced there, it's untrue. If you're not careful, you can overcomplicate and end up missing out on the simple things. I've won grand finals and World Club Challenges, and we've not won them by scoring flashy tries. We've won by not making errors, by playing the ball correctly and making sure our pass success is nailed."

"If you do the simple things well, you'll get success. I know that's not a fashionable thing to say, but I believe it."

As an example, he cites Sam Tomkins, the Catalans Dragons full back, one of his key players. "Sam has been playing really well for Catalans, just as he has done for many years," Wane says. "He's an outstanding player with great vision, but he also does the simple things well and that's so important."

Now 33, Tomkins made his international debut in 2009, but has still

only 25 caps for England, which underlines the sporadic nature of the international game. The World Cup, which will be held simultaneously with the women's and wheelchair events, is seen as a crucial few weeks for the sport. Shining a favourable spotlight on the international arena could persuade clubs in England and Australia of the merits of creating time and space for the international game and, in so doing, help the eternal struggle to popularise the 13-man code beyond its northern heartlands.

"It's so important that as many people as possible watch our sport, to see the good parts of what we're about," Wane says. "My job is to make sure my team play really well, to help to spread the word. That's the pressure we're under."

Álvarez too sharp for slowing Golovkin

Boxing
Declan Warrington

Saúl "Canelo" Álvarez ended the rivalry with Gennady Golovkin that will define their careers by easing to victory in the pair's third fight at the T-Mobile Arena in Las Vegas.

After a controversial split draw in 2017 and victory for Álvarez in 2018, the first of their bouts staged at 168lb produced little of the same drama. Álvarez, defending his IBF, WBC, WBA and WBO super-middleweight titles

against the 40-year-old IBF and WBO middleweight champion from Kazakhstan, was awarded unexpectedly close winning margins of 116-112, 115-113 and 115-113. The Mexican spoke afterwards of his desire to return to light-heavyweight and also of the need to undergo surgery on his left hand.

Back in the weight division in which he is widely considered to have given his finest years, the 32-year-old was sharp. His size advantage over the slowing Golovkin contributed significantly to his dominance. The Kazakh, 40, was

regularly backed up and fought with his face marked from the third. It took until the ninth for Golovkin to force back the champion after a strong right uppercut. An Álvarez body shot ended Golovkin's period of brief success but he did land another uppercut. A clash of heads cut Álvarez near his right eye.

The final bell was followed by a warm embrace and Álvarez, wearing a crown for his post-fight interview, said of Golovkin: "He's a great fighter. I'm going to keep my legacy going. I need surgery ... but I'm good, I'm a warrior."

Sezer and Gannon miss out

Rugby league
Ross Heppenstall

Leeds Rhinos have been dealt a significant blow after Aidan Sezer and Morgan Gannon were ruled out of Saturday's Super League Grand Final against St Helens with concussion.

Sezer, the Australian playmaker, was forced off after being caught high and late by the England forward John Bateman during Friday's semi-final victory over Wigan Warriors. The highly-rated back-rower Gannon, 18, is

still experiencing symptoms from a concussion suffered in the win away to Catalans Dragons. The Rhinos head coach, Rohan Smith, said: "Aidan is shattered. He feels healthy, which is the main thing, but is clearly disappointed."

To compound Leeds's problems, their star centre, Harry Newman, has suffered a setback in his rehabilitation from his latest hamstring injury.

Leeds won the Betfred Women's Super League Grand Final, beating York 12-4 at the Totally Wicked Stadium.

Murray helps to salvage British pride but damage has been done

Stuart Fraser

Tennis Correspondent

The Great Britain Davis Cup team claimed a consolation victory in a meaningless tie against Kazakhstan yesterday, but ultimately this remained a dispiriting week for the hosts.

The damage had already been done for Leon Smith's side with defeats by the United States on Wednesday and the Netherlands on Friday, ensuring that this year's campaign would progress no further than the group stage.

Admirably, 5,000 people still turned up at the Emirates Arena in Glasgow to cheer Britain to a 2-1 win against Kazakhstan in the final tie of group D. After Andy Murray defeated Dmitry Popko 6-4, 6-3 and Cameron Norrie lost 6-4, 6-3 to Alexander Bublik in the singles matches, the doubles pair of Joe Salisbury and Neal Skupski prevailed 7-6 (7-2), 6-7 (9-11), 7-6 (7-4) in the decider against Bublik and Aleksandr Nedovyesov.

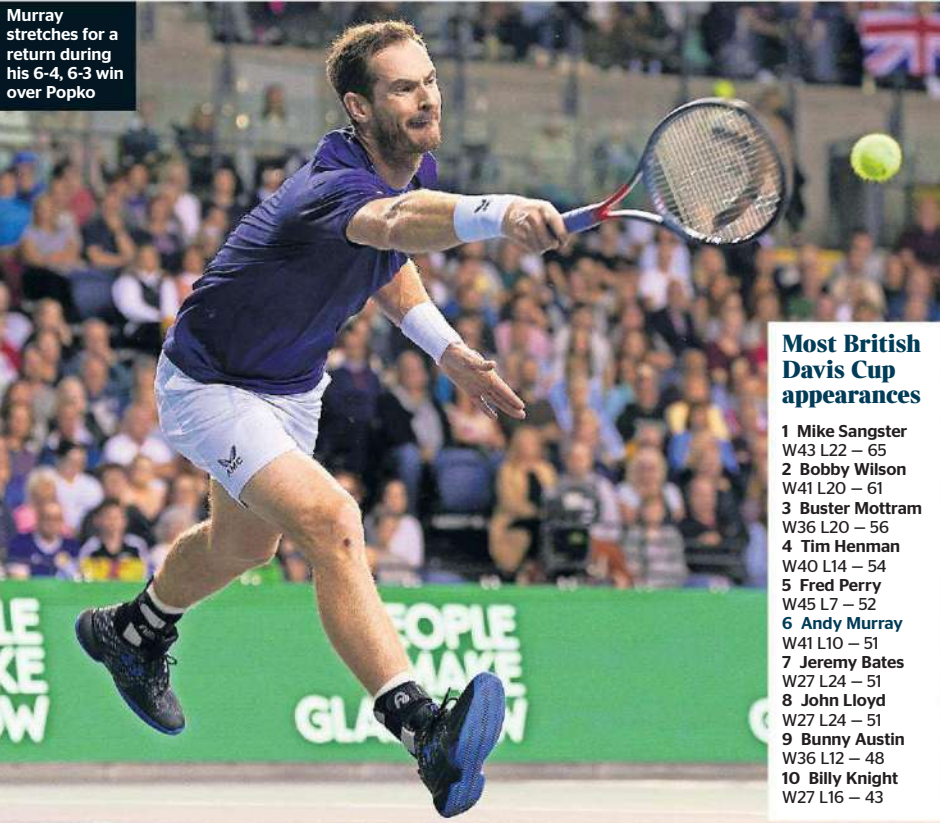
Even Murray, who is such a competitive beast that he would be giving it all in a game of tiddlywinks, admitted that he found the prospect of a dead rubber challenging. But once the first few games were out of the way, the three-times grand-slam champion settled against his lowly ranked opponent, at No 227 in the world, with the help of passionate backing from the Scottish crowd.

"I found it difficult at the beginning," Murray said. "It's difficult to explain. It's just hard to know how to play emotionally, because you can't fake it. I wanted to win today but if I lose, it doesn't really matter. That's what I enjoy about sport. From that perspective, it was difficult."

"They [the crowd] did an amazing job today. It was the fullest it had been all week. I'm glad I was able to get out there and play in front of them. Maybe that's the last time I play here or get to play for Britain in front of a crowd like that. They did make it special. If it is the last time, it's been amazing what they've done for our team and stuff."

It was at 5-2 in the second set that Murray started to ponder that his 51st Davis Cup appearance might be his last. With a metal hip, at the age of 35, he can no longer take his place in the team for granted. Norrie, Dan Evans and Jack Draper will probably contend for the singles spots next year, while Murray failed to make a solid case for future selection in the doubles after losing twice with the US Open champion Salisbury here.

Murray stretches for a return during his 6-4, 6-3 win over Popko



Most British Davis Cup appearances

- 1 Mike Sangster W43 L22 – 65
- 2 Bobby Wilson W41 L20 – 61
- 3 Buster Mottram W36 L20 – 56
- 4 Tim Henman W40 L14 – 54
- 5 Fred Perry W45 L7 – 52
- 6 Andy Murray W41 L10 – 51
- 7 Jeremy Bates W27 L24 – 51
- 8 John Lloyd W27 L24 – 51
- 9 Bunny Austin W36 L12 – 48
- 10 Billy Knight W27 L16 – 43

How they stand

Group D	P	W	L	F-A
Netherlands	3	3	0	6-3
US	3	2	1	5-4
Great Britain	3	1	2	4-5
Kazakhstan	3	0	3	3-6

Group A	P	W	L	F-A
Italy	3	3	0	7-2
Croatia	3	2	1	5-4
Sweden	3	1	2	4-5
Argentina	3	0	3	2-7

Group B	P	W	L	F-A
Spain	3	2	1	7-2
Canada	3	2	1	5-4
Serbia	3	2	1	4-5
South Korea	3	0	3	2-7

Group C	P	W	L	F-A
Germany	3	3	0	6-3
Australia	3	2	1	6-3
France	3	1	2	4-5
Belgium	3	0	3	2-7

"I really enjoyed this week away from the court as well as getting to compete," Murray said. "Last year I regretted not playing when I had the opportunity to. I'm not saying I necessarily would have played, but I had the opportunity to be part of the team."

"Moving forwards, it's obviously not going to be easy with the players that we have. Someone like Jack Draper [aged 20] is improving all the time. He'll be involved in the team for many years. Then obviously I don't know which way the captain will go with the doubles after the results here as well. I don't know what the future holds in that respect. But if I'm selected I'll definitely be involved."

While eight teams now look forward to the knockout finals in Malaga, Spain, in November, Britain must now go through a qualifying round for next year's competition on February 3-4, either home or away, immediately after the Australian Open. The draw is expected to be made in late November.

The LTA has a provisional agreement to host next year's group stage —

staging in Britain ended on a tame note with nothing to play for. Bublik candidly summed it up when he told the on-court interviewer Colin Fleming: "We are fighting for something important: who is going to be the last in the group."

An Achilles' heel for Britain this week was the lack of an established doubles pairing. This country is one of the most successful in the world in this form of the game, with six players ranked in the top-100 doubles rankings, but all of them partner players from overseas.

"We've got a lot of good doubles players," Smith said. "Obviously if it comes to Davis Cup and you've got a set pairing that's top in the world, you have seen that with a few nations. But I'm just happy the guys are out there at the top of their game irrespective of who they are playing with."

"We had good options to play with different people like we did here. It [an established pair] is not something I have thought about a huge amount. Just better to have options, I think, in that way. But maybe it will happen in the future."

the venue is expected to be somewhere outside Scotland — but this will only be in place if Britain successfully come through the qualifiers.

It was unfortunate that this year's

CONTINUED FROM BACK

Federer could miss his finale

of 2020, he has struggled with discomfort during recent training sessions because of fluid in his knee. This has left him uncertain whether he is capable of playing singles in the three-day event, which starts on Friday.

"He will probably decide that at the last moment," Pierre Paganini, who has worked with Federer since 1994, told the Swiss-German newspaper *Blick*. "He is trained to have as much information as possible about whether it's a good idea or not."

Under the rules of the Laver Cup, each of the six team members must play at least one singles match during the first two days, so Federer is unable to play doubles only. Every match features two sets, with a deciding ten-point tie-break contested if it is one set all.

Laver Cup organisers announced yesterday that Matteo Berrettini, the world No 15 and 2021 Wimbledon runner-up from Italy, has been signed up as an alternate for Europe in the event of a withdrawal. But even if Federer does pull out, he will still attend the event and have some form of involvement courtside and in the locker room.

Tickets on the secondary market were selling at up to £59,000 in the aftermath of Federer's announcement last week. Regardless of whether he participates or not, there will be no shortage of stardust with Andy Murray, Rafael Nadal and Novak Djokovic all in action for Europe.

"I hope that Roger's able to play because he always got amazing support at the O2 [the former venue of the ATP Finals]," Murray said. "I think the atmosphere will be incredible. It's the end of something pretty special."

"I didn't know that he was going to be stopping. I think people were maybe expecting that to happen, but I didn't know that when I signed up to play [in June]. All being in the same event together has not happened that much in the last years. It will be really special."

British rider's 'dream' gold

Equestrianism Great Britain's Yasmin Ingham has been crowned world individual eventing champion in Pratoni, Italy. The Cheshire-based rider was making her major championship debut but kept her composure in a high-octane showjumping finale to take gold. "It is a dream come true," Ingham, who rode Banzai du Loir, said. "I was extremely lucky to be sat on such an incredible horse."

Foss takes time-trial title

Cycling Norway's Tobias Foss pulled off a huge upset to dethrone the two-times champion Filippo Ganna and claim a maiden time-trial title at cycling's Road World Championships in Australia yesterday. The 25-year-old rode the 21.2-mile circuit in 40min 02.78sec to edge Switzerland's Stefan Kung by 2.95sec. Belgium's Remco Evenepoel was third, 9.16sec adrift, with Italy's Ganna only seventh.

Results

Racing

Hamilton

Going: good to soft (soft in places)
1.30 (6f 7yd) 1, **Installation** (O J Orr, 15-8); 2, **Queenie Rooney** (Callum Rodriguez, 10-3); 3, **Concert Boy** (12-1), 6 ran, chit, 3l, R A Fahey, K Dalgleish.
2.00 (6f 6yd) 1, **Iris Dancer** (Rowan Scott, 17-2); 2, **Kentucky Rose** (7-1); 3, **Miss Bella Brand** (5-1), 11 ran, 3½, 2½, T Davidson.
2.30 (1m 1f 35yd) 1, **Gifted Ruler** (C Lee, 10-11 fav), 2, **Zurag** (16-5); 3, **Gordonstoun** (28-1), 5 ran, 2½, 4l, H Palmer.
3.00 (6f 6yd) 1, **The Gay Blade** (A Mullen, 12-1); 2, **Caleta Sunrise** (11-2); 3, **Bonito Cavallo** (20-1), 10 ran, 1½, ns, I Jardine.
3.30 (5f 7yd) 1, **Red Allure** (P Mathers, 17-2); 2, **Burtonlodge Beauty** (6-1); 3, **Birdie Bowers** (8-1), 13 ran, Hd, ½, R Menzies.
4.00 (1m 4f 15yd) 1, **Lochnaver** (P Mulrennan,

18-5); 2, **Simple Star** (5-1); 3, **Starlyte** (12-1), 9 ran, NR, Haven Lady, Sh hd, 4½, J S Goldie.
4.30 (1m 3f 15yd) 1, **A La Francalaise** (P Mulrennan, 5-4 fav); 2, **Lechro** (33-1); 3, **Super Stars** (4-1), 11 ran, 1½, 1½, J S Goldie.
Placepot: £348.30.
Quaddpot: £77.30.

Plumpton

Going: good (good to firm in places)
1.50 (2m 1f 164yd) 1, **Mordred** (Mitchell Bastyan, 7-4); 2, **Lusaka** (4-6 fav); 3, **Indigo Lake** (15-2), NR, Seigneux Des As, Thunder Flash, 5l, 2l, M F Harris.
2.20 (2m 3f 164yd) 1, **Special Buddy** (Kielan Woods, 9-5 fav); 2, **Agent Saonols** (6-1); 3, **Easley Lad** (7-2), 6 ran, 5½, 1½, B Pauling.
2.50 (2m 1f 164yd) 1, **Mr Freedom** (M Goldstein, 10-3); 2, **Executive Pool** (9-2); 3, **Bornbobealeader** (5-6 fav), 6 ran, NR, Major Gatsby, 4l, 2l, Miss S West.
3.20 (1m 7f 195yd) 1, **See The Sea** (Peter

Kavanagh, 6-1); 2, **Glimpse Of Gold** (17-2); 3, **Thibault** (3-1), 7 ran, 1l, 3l, D McCain Jr.
3.50 (2m 214yd) 1, **Only Money** (Tom Cannon, 5-2); 2, **Barest Of Margins** (10-11 fav), 4 ran, NR, Coal Stock, Bl, C Gordon.
4.20 (2m 4f 114yd) 1, **Boontime Banker** (Lilly Pinchin, 16-5); 2, **Cherry Cola** (14-1); 3, **Cadeau D'Or** (13-2), 11 ran, NR, Chivers, Cobbs Corner, 1½, 1l, D J Jeffreys.
4.50 (2m 1f 164yd) 1, **Invictus De Brion** (Tom Cannon, 13-8); 2, **Allen Storm** (5-4 fav); 3, **Merrijig** (7-2), 4 ran, 1½, 1½, C Gordon.
Placepot: £1,314.90.
Quaddpot: £148.40.

Cricket

England women v India women, first ODI
Hove (India won toss): India beat England by seven wickets
England (balls) 12 (26)
India (balls) 12 (26)

T T Beaumont lbw b Goswami 7 (21)
S I R Dunkley c Sharma b Deol 29 (52)
A R Capsey c Kaur b Rana 19 (28)
D N Wyatt b Sharma 43 (50)
A E Jones b Rajeshwari 3 (10)
A N Davidson-Richards not out 50 (61)
S Ecclestone lbw b Sharma 31 (33)
C E Dean not out 24 (21)
Total (7 wks; 50 overs) 227
Cross and Wong did not bat.
Fall of wickets 1-20, 2-21, 3-64, 4-88, 5-94, 6-128, 7-178
Bowling Goswami 10-2-20-1, Singh 8-0-42-1, Rajeshwari 10-0-40-1, Vastrakar 2-0-20-0, Rana 6-0-45-1, Sharma 10-1-33-2, Deol 4-0-25-1 (balls)
India
S S Mandhana c Davidson-Richards b Cross 91 (99)
S Verma c Dean b Cross 1 (6)
Y H Bhatia b Dean 50 (47)
H K Kaur not out 74 (94)
H Deol not out 6 (20)

Extras (w 7, lb 3) 10
Total (3 wks; 44.2 overs) 232
Sharma, Rana, Vastrakar, Gayakwad, Singh, Goswami did not bat.
Fall of wickets 1-3, 2-99, 3-198
Bowling Wong 5-0-35-0, Cross 10-1-43-2, Davidson-Richards 7-2-0-48-0, Dean 10-0-45-1, Ecclestone 9-0-42-0, Lamb 3-0-16-0
Umpires S Redfernand A Harris

Golf

Italian Open, final round
270 M Fitzpatrick (Eng) 65, 69, 69, 67; R MacIntyre (Sco) 70, 69, 67, 64 (MacIntyre won play-off on first hole). **271** V Perez (Fr) 70, 66, 69, 66.

Rugby league

Championship play-off
Barrow Raiders 8 Batley Bulldogs 18; Halifax Panthers 24 York City Knights 26.

League One play-off semi-finals
Swinton Lions 32 Doncaster 12
Women's: Super League Grand Final York City Knights 4 Leeds Rhinos 12. **Shield final** Warrington Wolves 34 Featherstone Rovers 6

Rugby union

Gallagher Premiership
Worcester 21 Exeter 36
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Tennis

WTA Tour
Chennai Open final
L Fruhvirtova (Cz) bt M Linette (Pol) 4-6, 6-3, 6-4.
Prtorotoz Open final
K Sinikogova (Cz) bt E Rybakina (Kaz) 6-7 (7-4), 7-6 (7-5), 6-4.

Sport Cricket

Could Pakistan's key batting duo also be their weakest link?

Steve James



Before England's seven-match T20I series, which begins in Karachi tomorrow, a glance at the International Cricket Council's player rankings for the format may give the touring side a little cause for concern.

For there in the batting list stand Mohammad Rizwan, at the top, and Babar Azam at No 3 (England's Dawid Malan, for so long trumpeted as the T20I top dog, is down, relatively speaking, at fifth). As wicketkeeper and captain, it appears that Rizwan and Babar form a most potent T20 opening partnership for Pakistan, as England discovered when they put on 150 in only 14.4 overs in a victory at Trent Bridge last year.

But delve deeper and the picture is a little different. Both players have been copping some flak at home for their rather pedestrian strike rates, particularly in the powerplay overs, with the former Pakistan fast bowler Aaqib Javed the latest critic, saying the pair "are not going to win you tournaments".

Pakistan recently competed in the Asia Cup, a tournament first played in 1984 and now rotating between the T20I and one-day international formats according to the approaching World Cup, in this case obviously the T20 World Cup in Australia next month. This year's event was staged in the UAE and featured six teams: Pakistan, India, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Afghanistan and Hong Kong.

Pakistan reached the final on September 11, where they lost to Sri Lanka, but it was undoubtedly a match they should have won, having reduced their opponents to 58 for five. You are not supposed to get out of holes like that in T20, but Sri Lanka somehow did, courtesy of some rather conservative captaincy from Babar, making 170, and then the spotlight fell on the opening batsmen.

Babar failed again — his scores in the tournament read 10, 9, 14, 0, 30 and 5, meaning he dropped from second to third in those ICC T20I rankings — and Rizwan struggled to get going in the powerplay. Although he finished with a 49-ball 55, he had left the others too much to do.

It was a familiar tale — there had been criticism of the pair after the semi-final defeat by Australia in the T20 World Cup last year — and one that their head coach, Saqlain Mushtaq, was forced to defend after the Asia Cup final, amid calls, not least from their former coach Mickey Arthur, for the openers to be split up, possibly with the left-handed Fakhar Zaman moving up from No 3.

"If you keep shuffling, it sends a message that you don't trust them," said Saqlain, the former Pakistan off spinner, who has previously been a spin consultant for the England team.

Achilles' heel

Since the 2016 World Cup, Rizwan and Babar have helped Pakistan excel in T20Is, but their strike rate is below average (Includes matches between full ICC members)

Highest win-loss ratio

India	2.23
Pakistan	2.21
Afghanistan	2

Batting average

Mohammad Rizwan	53.7
Babar Azam	41.18
All batsmen (positions 1-6)	25.74

Innings per half-century

Rizwan	2.92
Babar	3
All batsmen (positions 1-6)	8.49

Strike rate

Rizwan	128.7
Babar	127
All batsmen (positions 1-6)	129.8

Men's T20 world rankings

Batting

1. Mohammad Rizwan (Pakistan)
2. Aiden Markram (South Africa)
3. Babar Azam (Pakistan)
4. Suryakumar Yadav (India)
5. Dawid Malan (England)

Bowling

1. Josh Hazlewood (Australia)
2. Tabraiz Shamsi (South Africa)
3. Adil Rashid (England)
4. Adam Zampa (Australia)
5. Rashid Khan (Afghanistan)

Team

1. India
2. England
3. South Africa
4. Pakistan
5. New Zealand

"You need to give them time. It's not good to shuffle a lot. It sends a wrong message."

He sounded rather like the England Test head coach Brendon McCullum defending Zak Crawley and Alex Lees (ranked 64th and 92nd in that format, if you were wondering), but with a very different problem and a very different approach.

For whereas McCullum is preaching an aggressive method rarely seen before in Test cricket with unproven players at the top, Saqlain is backing two experienced batsmen to continue with a rather old-fashioned mindset.

For in placing faith in Babar and Rizwan — who was the leading run-scorer in that Asia Cup with 281 runs, but at a strike rate of only 117.57 — Saqlain is advocating the unusual presence of two anchors at the top of the order, who do not maximise the fielding restrictions in the first six overs and therefore present a vast divergence from how the game is being played elsewhere in the world.

"Every team and player have their own style and methods," Saqlain said. "It's not compulsory that you do what the rest of the world is doing."

Zaman, who had a poor Asia Cup, is not an option now anyway, as a knee injury has forced him out of the series against England, and so he has only

been named as a reserve in the T20 World Cup squad.

Intriguingly another left-handed opener, Shan Masood, who has not played a T20 international but enjoyed an excellent T20 Vitality Blast with Derbyshire this year (he is joining Yorkshire next season), making 547 runs in 14 innings at a strike rate of 139.89, is included in both squads. But Pakistan are set to persevere with Babar (who is a sublime player, it should be remembered, also being top of the one-day internationals rankings and third in the Test list) and Rizwan, with both of them, it has to be said, probably having batted a little cautiously at times because of worries about a fragile middle order below them.

As Pakistan's chief selector, Mohammad Wasim, says: "Both of them have brought us enough success. You are talking about breaking up the best opening pair in world cricket. They are our strongest point and the numbers show they have scored runs with great consistency. I understand reservations about their strike rate, but you will see improvements in it."

Pakistan, who won the World T20 in England in 2009 but have won only three of their seven T20Is this calendar year, are always dangerous because of the potency of their fast-bowling stocks. They will not have the brilliant left-arm Shaheen Shah Afridi against England, but he is hoping to be ready for the World Cup (Pakistan also play a tri-series with New Zealand and Bangladesh in New Zealand before that).

But they do have the exciting 19-year-old Naseem Shah, who spent some injury-blighted time at Gloucestershire this season, Mohammad Haseeb, the 22-year-old who played one County Championship match for Worcestershire this season as well as five for Oval Invincibles in the Hundred and who can bowl well in excess of 90mph, and Haris Rauf, 28, who may not have excelled for Yorkshire this season but has done well for Melbourne Stars in the Big Bash League.

Pakistan have never played a home T20 international against England before, but have won all of the seven T20Is against other opposition at the National Stadium in Karachi, where the first four matches of this seven-match series will be played. It will be a surprise if they do not provide formidable opposition, probably with Rizwan and Babar to the fore.



Buttler, England's white-ball captain, takes part in a net session in Karachi before

Heartbreak is not forgotten

Tusdq Din in Karachi gets the local view on rescheduled series as excitement builds for England's return

A year ago England pulled out of what would have been their first tour to Pakistan in 16 years with barely a month's notice. The decision led to claims of "western arrogance", with Ramiz Raja, the chairman of the Pakistan Cricket Board, accusing the ECB of "failing a member of their cricket fraternity when it needed it most". Twelve months on England have arrived in Pakistan and they are now ready to play. For fanatical fans in this cricket-mad nation, emotions are mixed. First, there is happiness and excitement. All seven of the T20

international matches are close to sold out — four at Karachi's National Stadium, starting tomorrow, with a 34,000 capacity, and three matches at Lahore's Gaddafi Stadium, which holds 27,000 people. Fans are eager to see their side come up against one of cricket's elite nations, at home for the first time since 2005.

But there is also a feeling of sadness that the plug was pulled at such short notice last year. The ECB cited security concerns, after New Zealand had left Pakistan without a ball being bowled. This has not been forgotten.

Haroon, a retail worker, said he was excited to see England's return but felt that there was a residual hurt from their previous no-show. "We felt bad and it was bad for the country and Pakistani cricket when England didn't come last year," he says. "But knowing that they are here in Karachi now is good news. I'll be watching the matches and this tour will encourage other international sides to tour Pakistan too."



the first T20 tomorrow but with the wicketkeeper still recovering from injury Phil Salt, inset, is set to fill in behind the stumps

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Mandhana on song as India ease to victory

England v India

Hove (India won toss): India beat England by seven wickets

First ODI

Elizabeth Ammon

An unbeaten half-century by the captain Harmanpreet Kaur and a classy 91 by Smriti Mandhana led India to a seven-wicket win over England in the first of three one-day international, with 34 balls to spare.

Batting first, England had struggled on a slow Hove pitch and were reduced to 88 for four just before the halfway point of their innings. The opening pair of Emma Lamb and Tammy Beaumont were removed in quick succession in the powerplay and the 18-year-old Alice Capsey, on her ODI debut, could manage only 19 from 28 balls before chipping to Kaur at mid-wicket off Sneha Rana.

India had opted to bowl first and found swing and spin, taking wickets regularly to leave England stuttering at 94 for five. Danni Wyatt made 43 and Alice Davidson-Richards added an unbeaten 50 to drag England up to a respectable but still below-par score of 227 for seven.

Kate Cross struck early in India's chase, picking up the first of her two wickets when Shefali Verma mistimed a legside flick to mid-wicket to Charlie Dean in the second over.

Despite the pitch being slow there were no real demons in it and India's chase was straightforward. England failed to find movement and were guilty of too many loose deliveries.

Experience was on display from Mandhana and she showed her skill putting on a 96-run second-wicket partnership in only 16 overs with Yastika Bhatia, the latter contributing a breezy 50 from 47 balls, including nine boundaries.

The partnership was broken by the off spinner Dean in the 18th over when Kaur came to join Mandhana at the crease. The pair's fourth-wicket partnership of 99 helped India to stay well ahead of the required run rate. When Mandhana was removed for 91 by Cross, the last 30 runs were easily knocked off Kaur and Harleen Deol.

The series will continue on Wednesday with a day-night match at Canterbury.

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MacIntyre shines in Ryder Cup rehearsal

Golf

Robert MacIntyre has his sights firmly set on winning a place in Europe's Ryder Cup team and his cause was given a huge boost yesterday when he won the Italian Open at the Rome course that will host next year's contest.

The Scot beat the US Open champion Matt Fitzpatrick on the first play-off hole at the Marco Simone course where Europe will take on the US next September. "This is what I want," MacIntyre said. "This is my only goal for the season: to make that Ryder Cup team. I think I've made a good start."

It was only the second victory of the 26-year-old MacIntyre's career and he beat a quality field that included the world No2 Rory McIlroy, who finished fourth after hitting his tee shot on the drivable 16th into the water for a bogey five.

MacIntyre posted a seven-under-par 64 with ten birdies and three bogeys for the best round of the day and finished tied at 14-under with Fitzpatrick, who signed for a 67. In the play-off, the Scot sunk a birdie putt from a few feet at the 18th to clinch it after Fitzpatrick had driven into the rough and could only make par.

"This means everything," MacIntyre said. "I was down and out two or three months ago. I didn't know what I was doing. Didn't know where to go. But I spoke to the right people and there's so much hard work gone into this."



MacIntyre kisses the trophy after his victory in Rome

Europe's Ryder Cup captain, Luke Donald, who finished tied for 34th on one-under, was quick to praise MacIntyre. "Massive congratulations," he tweeted. "Showed a lot of guts and resolve in the play-off to get it done."

Thick rough and tall grass lined the narrow fairways and were in place to give Europe's prospective players a taste of what is likely for next year's contest. "At the start of this week, I didn't think this was going to be [my] style of golf course," MacIntyre said. "[But] I was able to control my golf ball with wedges and irons and even the hybrid that went into the bag last week."

Fitzpatrick nearly produced an albatross when his second shot at the par-five 12th hit the pin. And while he was finishing off his eagle from four feet, MacIntyre was struggling at the 14th, where he found the rough and made bogey, and another followed at the next. But MacIntyre got it together and made birdies at the 16th and the 18th to put the pressure on the US Open champion, who dropped a shot at the 17th.

Victor Perez, of France, finished third, one stroke behind, after missing a birdie putt at the 18th which would have got him into the play-off, and McIlroy ended up two strokes back.

Last year the US won the Ryder Cup easily, 19-9 at Whistling Straits, and Donald, who has six wild-card picks, is looking for new players for his 12-man team. "It's been a really good test," he said of the Marco Simone course. "Scoring has been not easy. Some of these guys who are likely to be in the Ryder Cup team would have seen everything [weather-wise] this week. It's good that they'll be very prepared."

but tour gets warm welcome BBC to cover England's T20 series from Salford

On the tree-lined streets, the noisy traffic cannot mask Faisal's enthusiasm for England's arrival. He stops briefly and smiles.

"It was bad when New Zealand left without playing and when England didn't come there was upset and heartbreak," he says. "This time we hope to see a good series, then with the Tests to follow [in December] where we can raise the name of Pakistan internationally."

The Pakistani media coverage has been saturated with everything England have done to date, from their arrival on Thursday, to Jos Buttler's perfectly toned first press conference and their practice sessions at the stadium. Guests staying at the team hotel in Karachi are eager to catch a glimpse of the cricketer star and even the Pakistan batsman Shan Masood quoted a fan's disbelieving tweet that Buttler and his England side were actually, finally, in Pakistan.

Although there is at present no Foreign Office advice against travel to

either Karachi or Lahore, perhaps only a handful of England fans at best will be there to watch the action. Security is tight. All along the hotel perimeter, police and military personnel stand armed with automatic rifles. Security cameras and control barriers are also manned by armed guards.

Across the road from the team hotel, the members-only Gymkhana cricket club is bustling. Sunday is the day when hundreds of youngsters play tape-ball cricket in the local park. On television, cricket is everywhere. That love of the game will be in evidence over the coming seven matches. A helicopter hovering over the proposed route to the Karachi National Stadium, as the bullet-proof buses travel to and from the venue, is a reminder of the conditions in which this series will be played. 13 years after a terror attack on the Sri Lanka team bus in Lahore led to a decade without international cricket in Pakistan. But the locals do not mind the disruption.

Elizabeth Ammon

The BBC will not send a commentary team to cover England's return to Pakistan for the first time in 17 years and will broadcast the seven-match T20 series from a studio in Salford.

It is understood that a combination of cost-saving and security concerns is behind the BBC's decision not to send any of its *Test Match Special* (TMS) team to Pakistan, although it is hopeful that commentators will be deployed there for the three-Test series in December.

The BBC has acquired the rights to the T20 and the Test series and secured the UK radio rights for the ICC T20 World Cup in Australia in October and November but it does not automatically have radio rights for every tour. TalkSPORT has acquired the rights for several recent England trips, including series in Sri Lanka and the West Indies.

A BBC spokesman said: "How we

cover events can vary but we guarantee that our audiences will get all the action they expect from 5 Live and 5 Live Sports Extra, with commentary and live coverage from the series."

TMS is only available on 5 Live Sports Extra after the corporation closed the Radio 4 long wave option in the summer, long the home of the flagship programme.

TV coverage of the T20 series will be provided by Sky Sports using international world-feed pictures and commentary, with its own pundits providing the pre-match, lunch, tea and post-match analysis. Mark Butcher will be in Pakistan to provide updates and analysis from the grounds. Sky is expecting to send a full team for the Test series.

David Gower, who left Sky in 2019 after his contract was not renewed, will be one of the commentators for the host broadcaster. He was with BT Sport and Channel 4's Ashes coverage last winter.

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Worcester's heroes defiant on the day that shamed rugby

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William Kelleher
Deputy Rugby Correspondent

It is easy for hearts to turn to stone in the cold world of professional sport, but here was a Worcester Warriors team to bring back the faith again.

They lost to Exeter Chiefs, somewhat inevitably, but were not thrashed. Not at all. Exeter had to scrap for this win at Sixways, confirming the victory only with nine minutes left.

Worcester dreamt of an unlikely win, after Alex Hearle, Gareth Simpson and Ollie Lawrence scored tries, but eventually were beaten. Chiefs just about had enough. Joe Simmonds took 16 points, including the first try, Richard Capstick had two scores, with Olly Woodburn and Jack Maunier going over for a 15-point win.

But the story was about Worcester's resolve — although their director of rugby, Steve Diamond, still promised his boys the hairdryer. "Giving away 16 penalties, losing half your lineup, and only scoring three times out of ten in the 22, they'll be having a bollocking on Tuesday," he said. "Most people at Worcester in the last 10-15 years would be happy with that result — I'm not."

The Warriors were expected to fade in the face of everything, but did not. Talk of winding-up orders, £30 million of debt, unsigned heads-of-terms agreements, worries about pay, injury and occupations surely clouded their minds — but they defied it all.

When any player went down hurt, you winced. If it were serious, yet more problems awaited. Insurance would cover the treatment, but what about after that, if the club ceased to exist?

The home support, limited to 4,999,

How they stand

	P	W	D	L	F	A	B	Pts
Sale	2	2	0	0	66	42	2	10
Exeter	2	2	0	0	60	41	1	9
Bristol	2	2	0	0	54	37	1	9
Leicester	2	1	0	1	56	45	2	6
N'hampton	2	1	0	1	60	51	2	6
Harlequins	2	1	0	1	67	61	2	6
L Irish	2	1	0	1	67	52	1	5
Gloucester	1	1	0	0	27	21	1	5
Saracens	1	1	0	0	30	27	1	5
Bath	2	0	0	2	49	68	1	1
Wasps	2	0	0	2	29	50	1	1
Newcastle	2	0	0	2	52	76	1	1
Worcester	2	0	0	2	35	81	0	0

Scorers: Worcester: Tries Hearle 23min, Simpson 46, Lawrence 65. Cons Williams 3. Exeter: Tries Simmonds 3, Capstick 16, 32, Woodburn 56, Maunier 71. Cons J Simmonds 4. Worcester: J Shillcock; P Humphreys (N Heward 57), O Lawrence, F Venter, A Hearle; O Williams (B Searle 55), G Simpson (W Chudley 73); V Mozorov (R Sutherland 20), C Langdon (H Falva 55), M McCallum (sin-bin 7-17; J Tyack 61), J Batley, A Kitchener (G Kitchener 64), F Lee-Warner, C Neild, T Dodd (M Kvesic 55). Exeter: J Simmonds; J Nowell (F Cordero 79), R O'Loughlin, I Whitten (S Kata, 40), O Woodburn; H Skinner, S Townsend (J Maunier 52); A Hepburn (J Kenny 57), J Yeandle (J Innard 55), M Street (P Schickerling 29), J Dunne (R van Heerden 52), J Gray, J Kirsten (D Ewers 46), C Tshinza, R Capstick.

Referee M Carley. **Attendance** 4,999.

as that was all the ground's hastily updated safety certificate could allow, were all contained on the east side of the ground. They came with horns, flags, big voices and screamed out as much as they could.

Diamond hoped that the money raised from food and drink sales would not disappear into "the black hole" and that Worcester could fulfil their next matches against Gloucester in the Premiership Rugby Cup on Wednesday and at home to Newcastle Falcons on

Saturday. But he could not be certain. "It's quite embarrassing for us to call ourselves a high-performance unit when we are dealing with what we are dealing with," he said. "It's like the old days of professional sport, a bit of shambles. An answer is going to have to come this week. The players are now working in arrears. I can't tell you how many times they'll put their bodies on the line like that. A line has to be drawn. I thought last week was the line."

Diamond also pledged to investigate claims that staff were threatened with the sack when they tweeted out a group message of defiance on Friday, decrying "broken promises and lack of communication" from the owners.

"If that's happened, I can't believe it when people have given up their free time and volunteered to come into work when they're not getting paid," he said. "I'd like to get to the bottom of it."

Worcester's resistance remained throughout but was punctured when Simmonds scored for Exeter within three minutes, and then when the tight-head prop Murray McCallum hit Simmonds high and was sent to the sin-bin soon after. Capstick then ran in a try down the right, Simmonds converting, before Lawrence carved an opening for the wing Hearle in front of the England head coach, Eddie Jones.

Capstick had a second try when Jack Nowell flicked the No 8 a lovely out-the-back offload and Simmonds struck a penalty before half-time, a 40 minutes which ended with a long deliberation over a marginal tackle in the air — taking the television match official, Claire Hodnett, for ever to judge whether Hearle's toenail had been grounded when the lock Jack Dunne whacked him. It was nice for the supporters here to have something else to be irked about for a while.

Exeter could not put Worcester away, perhaps affected by the occasion, and a ravenous Warriors team who had nothing



to lose. After the break Joe Batley, the lock, sped through a huge gap and found the scrum half Simpson inside, who ran it home. Williams converted. Woodburn had a try denied for a double movement, but did soon score. It only fired up Worcester. Lawrence

bashed in on a short line from a lineout, as fans gave a standing ovation on the 65th minute to staff who have only been paid that percentage of their wages. "Maybe they should have clapped at zero for the people who have been paid nothing," Diamond said.

Toxic reign of these unworthy owners cannot end soon enough

Will Kelleher



Here was a scene that shamed English rugby. That is no comment on those who worked through the night, most with reduced pay and many without anything at all, to stage this match; nor the players, who fought and scrapped as well as they could; nor Steve Diamond, Worcester Warriors' director of rugby, and his staff, who have moved mountains to play; nor Exeter Chiefs, who had a job to do in tough circumstances.

However, anyone involved in the game in this country — from the RFU, right the way down — who watched yesterday's match should hang their heads.

How on earth it has come to this,

how we have drifted into this abyss, how it has been allowed to happen in front of everyone's eyes, beggars belief.

Worcester came in with no chance against Exeter. How could they?

Players and staff should be lauded for playing on despite everything. They were heralded before the game by the 4,999 fans allowed inside, the unpaid staff forming a guard of honour before the match. Later, in the 65th minute, the one occupied stand stood to applaud those who have not yet received 35 per cent of their August salaries. One pair of fans held up a homemade sign for the owners: "Wanted: a village for idiots." Worcester were beaten 36-21. Defeat was all that was ever going to happen.

The players are talented professionals, a credit to themselves, the club and the sport, cracking on admirably while mentally exhausted, racked with uncertainty about their livelihoods.

Worcester's owners, Colin Goldring and Jason Whittingham, do not deserve them.



Worcester fans hold up a homemade banner with a message for the owners

They do not deserve to be in charge of this club, these people — many of whom, from those in the ticket office to stewards and bar tenders, volunteered to get the game on, or others from the Worcester Warriors Foundation rattling buckets to help top up staff pay.

Their endless broken promises have left this place rebellious, angry, on its knees. The end of their involvement in Worcester, and rugby, cannot come soon enough.

Whittingham did send out a

statement to BT Sport — though not, incidentally, to his director of rugby, who had not seen it when asked about it — trying to calm the mood before kick-off.

In it he said that the club were "in the final stages" of agreeing terms with a new buyer who is "absolutely committed to rugby at Sixways" and will "inject funds early next week". That all may be true, but no one here was convinced — they have heard this for weeks now, having been told for days an announcement was

imminent. Indeed, the supporters' club were informed — wrongly — that heads of terms had been signed on Friday, and said as much on local radio. They have had enough.

It is just as well the owners were not here, as it might have incited a mob. They have not turned up at Sixways for months, and, incredibly, want to stay on with a minority stake. It is hard to imagine fans, staff and players buying into a club that the owners are still involved in.

"We're past the point of anger," Dave Kling, a supporter, said. "I cannot see the owners ever setting foot in the city again. I gather they know that. Their names in the local area are now toxic, sullied. Maybe they don't deserve that, but that's the reality. I can't see how they carry on. We need new owners we can trust."

This is meant to be the top flight of English rugby, in a professional league that calls itself the best in the world. But stripping away all the defiance, you were left with only sourness and shame at this amateurish scene.



Lawrence goes over to score for Warriors whose players saluted their fans after the final whistle, inset

Is it Vunipola or Dombrandt for England? Jones must pick both

Stuart Barnes



Would Harlequins have won had Marcus Smith played? That was the question rugby fans in particular were asking in the wake of a three-point defeat at the hands and feet of Saracens. How about: "Would Harlequins have won if Alex Dombrandt had not left the field after 35 minutes?" He hobbled off with what was described as a "niggling hamstring".

Billy Vunipola, his rival (and teammate) for England, enjoyed a splendid afternoon on Saturday. In the second half he was everywhere and it appears he is back to his best. Yet despite his man-of-the-match accolades, the Harlequins No 8 Dombrandt was by far the more influential of the two international No 8s in the first half.

It was Dombrandt who produced the big plays for 35 minutes. Cadan Murley's breakaway try after seven minutes was stamped with the mark of Dombrandt's quality. Quick of mind, strong of body, he ripped the ball from the arms of the Saracens scrum half Ivan van Zyl, deep in Harlequins' own territory. Spotting room through the middle of the breakdown, his acceleration took him into space. But with most of the field to cover, he knew his wing had the afterburners to reach the Saracens tryline. The timing and delivery of his pass was perfect as Harlequins took a seven-point lead.

It should have been 14. The referee, Dombrandt, left, and Vunipola showed their differing skill sets on Saturday

Tom Foley, made a few errors but none as great as his interpretation of Dombrandt's tackle on Hugh Tizard minutes earlier. The technique was true: contact was made with the shoulder; both arms were wrapped around his opponent. He was not playing the ball in any way. Yet the referee blew for a knock-on after Tizard lost control of the ball in the tackle. Foley told the No 8: "You ripped the ball off him and went and dropped it." He didn't even attempt a rip.

The bobbling ball had found its way to Luke Northmore. There was no possibility of the turnover resulting in anything but a try as he sprinted away. This should have been Dombrandt's initial seven-point intervention, but that was to come with his final action before injury.

First, he made a thumping tackle as Saracens tried to run their way out of their 22. He then attempted an immediate tap tackle. Many players would have paused for breath. Not Dombrandt. He bounced to his feet and sprinted into position to intercept a lax inside pass from Owen Farrell.

Nick Tompkins was dismissed with a powerful, left-handed fend. The ball was switched to both hands as he flipped a delicate basketball-style pass over the covering

Saracens defence for Joe Marchant to score in the corner. Rugby is a matter of both quality and quantity. The first half was very much a matter of the former, most of it exuding from Dombrandt.

In the more mundane aspects of his game, he took an early and challenging restart from Farrell, the ball toppling behind him in the centre of the field. His hands are exquisite. Billy

Vunipola has even better footwork than his England rival and consistently beat the first chaser to deliver front-foot ball for his pack and scrum half. The restart is the third set piece. Vunipola may be the master of the initial carry but Dombrandt is aerially excellent.

When the Harlequins scrum marched forward at pace, Dombrandt's ball control at the base was evident for all to see. When Saracens surged, he found a way to pull the possession from the retreating second row with his hands. He is clever, like Billy, although one smart Vunipola spin pass from the base of the scrum by the Saracens player close to his own tryline reminded all of his footballing gifts.

Neither was used as a lineup option but it is fair to say Dombrandt is the better target. It takes a lot to get Vunipola off the ground. When Eddie Jones, watching from the stands, comes to choose his No 8, Dombrandt might have an edge at this set piece.

Yet Vunipola, who was to produce a ubiquitous second half (from the 40th-50th minute in particular) had his own mesmerising first-half moments. The way he held the ball in his right hand and rolled the pass away to Max Malins — leading to an Elliot Daly try — was purest panache.

We will never know the answer to the question of whether Harlequins would have won with their No 8 on the field for the full 80 minutes, let alone their fly half. But there is little doubt that the departure of the Harlequins man was a massive gain for Saracens.

England have a classic case of contrasting players in the same position. Who to select? The answer is both. It needs working out which one is more suitable to start, and which to impact from the bench. To be a replacement isn't a lesser option.

Jones could ask Dombrandt to create for the first half and Vunipola to produce a wrecking-ball final 30 minutes or so. The England No 8 debate is not a question of either/or, more a matter of how to maximise their talent.

Vunipola was welcomed back in Australia — now is the time to finally trust Dombrandt.

With Williams's conversion Worcester were only eight points behind, but Maunders snuck in for Exeter's fifth. Simmonds converted for a 15-point lead the Chiefs would not give up.

At full-time Worcester were spent. They trudged into the dressing room to

be greeted with boxes of beer a fan had bought them out of his own pocket.

Many believe that could be Worcester's last match at Sixways for a while, if a takeover continues to stall.

The hope is it is not. This is a club with heart worth reviving.

TMO (THE MONDAY OVERVIEW)

Words by Kit Shepard

Player of the week

With a game-high 23 tackles, solid work as a lineout jumper and the occasional meaty carry Sam Jeffries, below, delivered the archetypal blind-side flanker performance for Bristol Bears against Wasps.

His outstanding tackle from behind on Zach Kibirige, which may have saved a try, summed up his work rate all over the pitch.



Try of the week

Saracens' present England players were the story of their win against Harlequins but those out of Test favour made the visiting team's second try. Ben Earl made the break, Alex Lozowski tipped the ball on, and Elliot Daly's offload gave Max Malins a simple finish.



Stat of the week

33.2

Average points conceded by Newcastle Falcons in 16 games in the Premiership in 2022

Team of the week

1 S McIntyre (Sale)	2 S Metavasi (Northampton)	3 P Schicklering (Exeter)
4 H Wells (Leicester)	5 C Vul (Bristol)	
6 S Jeffries (Bristol)	7 B Vunipola (Saracens)	8 B Earl (Saracens)
9 A Mitchell (Northampton)	10 R du Preez (Sale)	11 G Porter (Leicester)
	12 O Lawrence (Worcester)	13 N Nado (Leicester)
	14 E Daly (Saracens)	15 J Novell (Exeter)

Injury watch

Sam Underhill is set to miss England's autumn internationals after Bath said the flanker will have a shoulder operation.

It further weakens the club's England contingent as they also announced that Beno Obano has had successful knee surgery.

Underhill, 26, will be sidelined for about 12 weeks, with England playing Argentina, Japan, New Zealand and South Africa in November.

He has not played since suffering a concussion against Australia in July and the shoulder problem continues a difficult run of injuries.

He was sent to a specialist after suffering multiple head knocks last

season and only featured in the final round of the 2022 Six Nations.

Underhill, who has 29 caps, was part of the formidable back row that helped England reach the 2019 World Cup final. However, his poor injury history is a concern with the 2023 tournament less than 12 months away.

Obano, meanwhile, limped off during Bath's season opener against Bristol Bears with what his director of rugby, Johann van Graan, described as a "pretty serious" knee injury.

The prop missed much of the last campaign with an ACL rupture and has not added to his three England caps since 2021.

Sport

Beaten Warriors show spirit

Worcester defy financial strife to put up a fight in defeat by Exeter
Rugby union, pages 54-55



The Game

Essential reading covering all the weekend's football action
Inside T2



History boy: the Premier League's first 15-year-old

Gary Jacob

A 15-year-old schoolboy became the youngest player to appear in English football's top division yesterday when he came on as a substitute in Arsenal's 3-0 win away to Brentford.

Ethan Nwaneri, who had to change into his kit in a separate dressing room to his team-mates because of child protection rules, broke a record that had been held for 58 years by Sunderland's Derek Forster.

An attacking midfielder, whose surname is pronounced "Yanieri", Nwaneri was 15 years and 181 days old yesterday, and is the first under-16 to play for a club since the formation of the Premier League in 1992. He came on in stoppage time and made one tackle in the victory as Arsenal reclaimed top spot in the Premier League.

He will not return to school tomorrow — last night he flew to Poland as part of the England Under-17 squad.

The Game, pages 2-3



Gabriel Martinelli points to his record-breaking team-mate Nwaneri after the teenager made his Premier League debut for Arsenal in their 3-0 victory over Brentford

Federer could miss his finale

Stuart Fraser Tennis Correspondent

Roger Federer's final competitive appearance on a tennis court is in doubt after his long-time physical trainer revealed that a last-minute decision will be made over his participation in the Laver Cup in London.

Federer, 41, announced on Thursday that he is retiring from the ATP Tour after a glittering professional career of 24 years and that this week's team competition between Europe and the rest of the world at the O2 in London will be his last official event. The 20-times grand-slam champion has left open the possibility of playing exhibition matches, for which he could command appearance fees of more than £1 million.

However, concerns emerged yesterday that Federer is not fit enough to play in the Laver Cup. After three operations on his right knee since the start

De Zerbi gets Brighton job

Gary Jacob

Brighton & Hove Albion appointed Roberto De Zerbi as their new head coach on a four-year contract last night.

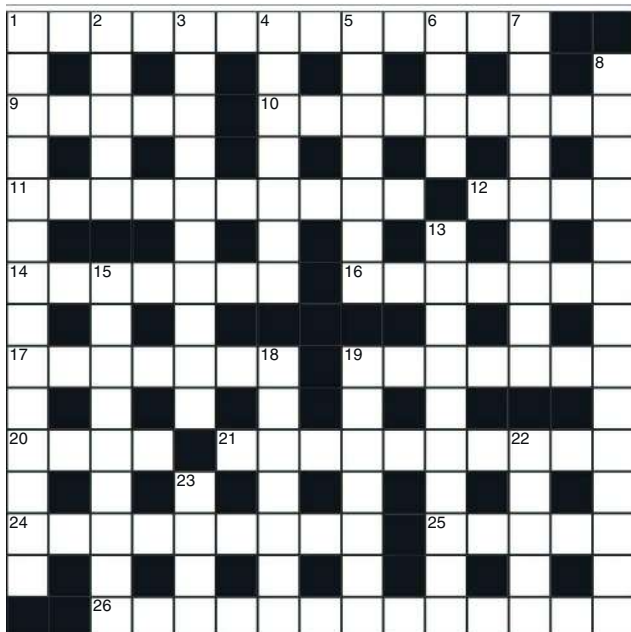
De Zerbi, 43, will take over — subject to being granted a work permit — from Graham Potter, who left the south coast club this month to become head coach at Chelsea. The Italian is expected to be presented at a media conference tomorrow and to be in the dugout for the Premier League match against Liverpool at Anfield on October 1.

He made his name as manager of Sassuolo in Serie A but was a free agent after leaving Shakhtar Donetsk, where he spent a year, in July after the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

The team were top of the league when it was suspended due to the war, and he also won a domestic cup.

The Game, page 5

Times Crossword 28,399



ACROSS

- 1 Top European waterway skirting state missile launching site (4,9)
- 9 Dark period man on board talked of (5)
- 10 Word silver worker used for shrewish woman (9)
- 11 Be lumbered with harvesting at first by more senior squire (4-6)
- 12 Avoid drill sergeant's shouted command (4)
- 14 Dull, going over sierra in damp part of US (7)
- 16 State sector briefly featuring in vocal piece (7)
- 17 Jet starts to near airport in Italian city (7)
- 19 Plant everyone observes at end of field (7)
- 20 Gull-like bird — in water, normally (4)
- 21 Inconvenience male in nightclub fashion (10)
- 24 Worker's musical production originally viewed in formal wear (9)
- 25 Teacher openly revered at first by boy king (5)
- 26 One divining secrets unfamiliar to her daughter (7-6)

DOWN

- 1 Mass converted clan go to in Rome (14)
- 2 Ungodly composer missing in India (5)
- 3 Fastener on animal enclosure, extremely nasty and trashy (10)
- 4 Forbidden to frame message finally — on this? (7)
- 5 Part of speech in French introducing a garden plant (7)
- 6 Bring up? It's brought up by the laggardly (4)
- 7 Obnoxious son arrested by Labour leader over party (9)
- 8 Typical helper on expedition, one carrying the flag? (8-6)
- 13 Small measure girl's taken to cover new term (10)
- 15 Conflicting information received in delight (9)
- 18 Tolerating a heartless order (7)
- 19 Very old eat in canteen, just outside, strangely (7)
- 22 Officer commanding little group (5)
- 23 Prince given ring, a symbol of saintliness (4)

Prize solution 28,392



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FINAL
FAREWELL

Her Majesty laid to rest

From Westminster to Windsor, how the day will unfold

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10.44am

The procession route

● The gun carriage sets off drawn by 98 Royal Navy service personnel. The procession will be led by a massed pipes & drums of Scottish and Irish regiments, the Brigade of Gurkhas and 200 musicians from the RAF. The King, senior members of the royal family and King's household will follow the coffin.

10.52am

Westminster Abbey

● The procession arrives at the West Gate. The bearer party carries the coffin into the abbey.

11am

State funeral service

● The service begins conducted by the Dean of Westminster, David Hoyle which includes lessons from the prime minister and a sermon by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

11.55am

● The Last Post will sound followed by a two-minute silence, which will be observed throughout the country. Reveille, the national anthem and a lament played by the Queen's Piper will bring the service to an end.

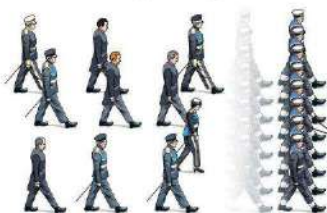
Noon

● The bearer party will carry the coffin to the gun carriage.

The processions

There will be three processions on the day – Westminster Hall to Westminster Abbey, Westminster Abbey to Wellington Arch and at Windsor Castle

Senior members of the royal family



The coffin will be draped in the Royal Standard and the Imperial State Crown will sit on top



The state gun carriage will be flanked by the pallbearers and bearer party

98 Royal Navy service personnel to pull the gun carriage



Followed by members of Queen Elizabeth II's household



Major General commanding the Household Division and Staff

Illustrative purposes and not all military personnel included



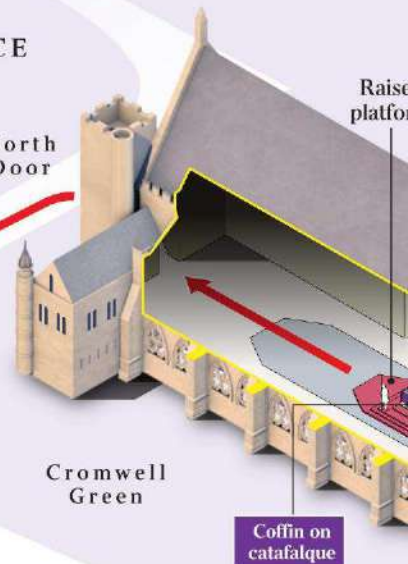
10.35am

Westminster Hall

● A bearer party from the Queen's company, 1st Battalion Grenadier Guards will carry the Queen's coffin to the state gun carriage outside the North Door.

NEW PALACE YARD

North Door



Cromwell Green

Coffin on catafalque

Route will be lined by the Royal Navy and Royal Marines

PARLIAMENT SQUARE
A tri-service guard of honour accompanied by a band of the Royal Marines



WESTMINSTER ABBEY

North transept

North-west tower

Coffin on catafalque

Pulpit

Altar

Choir

Seating areas

Great West Door

Tomb of the Unknown Warrior. An unidentified member of the British armed forces killed in the First World War was buried here in 1920.

3

12.15pm

Westminster Abbey to Wellington Arch

● The King and members of the royal family will follow the coffin in a procession to Wellington Arch.

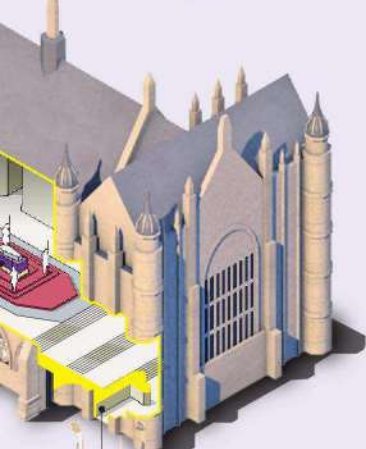


4 1pm
Wellington Arch
● The bearer state gun carriage will carry the King and for Windsor by



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WESTMINSTER HALL



Her Majesty's coffin draped with the Royal Standard on top of a catafalque in Westminster Hall. Lying in state started last Wednesday and finished today at 6.30am

The funeral service



The Dean of Westminster, David Hoyle, will conduct the service



The prime minister, Liz Truss, will read a lesson



The Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell will say prayers



The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, will give the sermon

Henry VII's chapel

Chapter House

Mounted Metropolitan and Royal Canadian police will lead the procession, former of seven groups:

- ☐ GC Foundation & Commonwealth
- ☐ RAF
- ☐ Army
- ☐ Army
- ☐ Royal Navy and Royal Marines
- ☐ State gun carriage and households
- ☐ Civilian services



Arch to Windsor

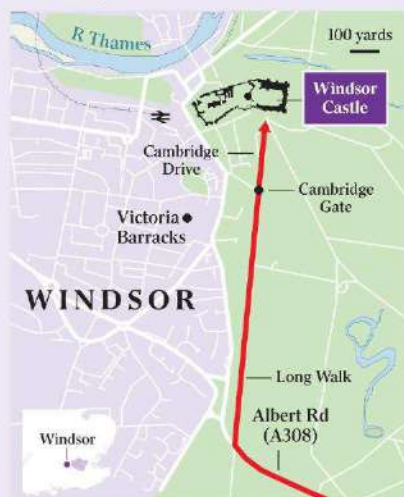
A party will lift the coffin from the catafalque and place it in the state hearse. Members of the royal family depart by car.



Windsor

5 3.06pm Windsor Castle

- The state hearse will join the procession



6 4pm Committal service

- Service conducted by the Dean of Windsor. At the end of the service the coffin is lowered into the royal vault under the quire.



KING GEORGE VI MEMORIAL CHAPEL

3.10pm

- The procession will step off.

3.40pm

West Steps St George's Chapel

- The King and members of the royal family join the State Hearse at the Quadrangle. The hearse will be flanked by pallbearers and an escort party.

3.53pm

West Steps St George's Chapel

- The coffin is lifted from the hearse and carried into St George's Chapel.

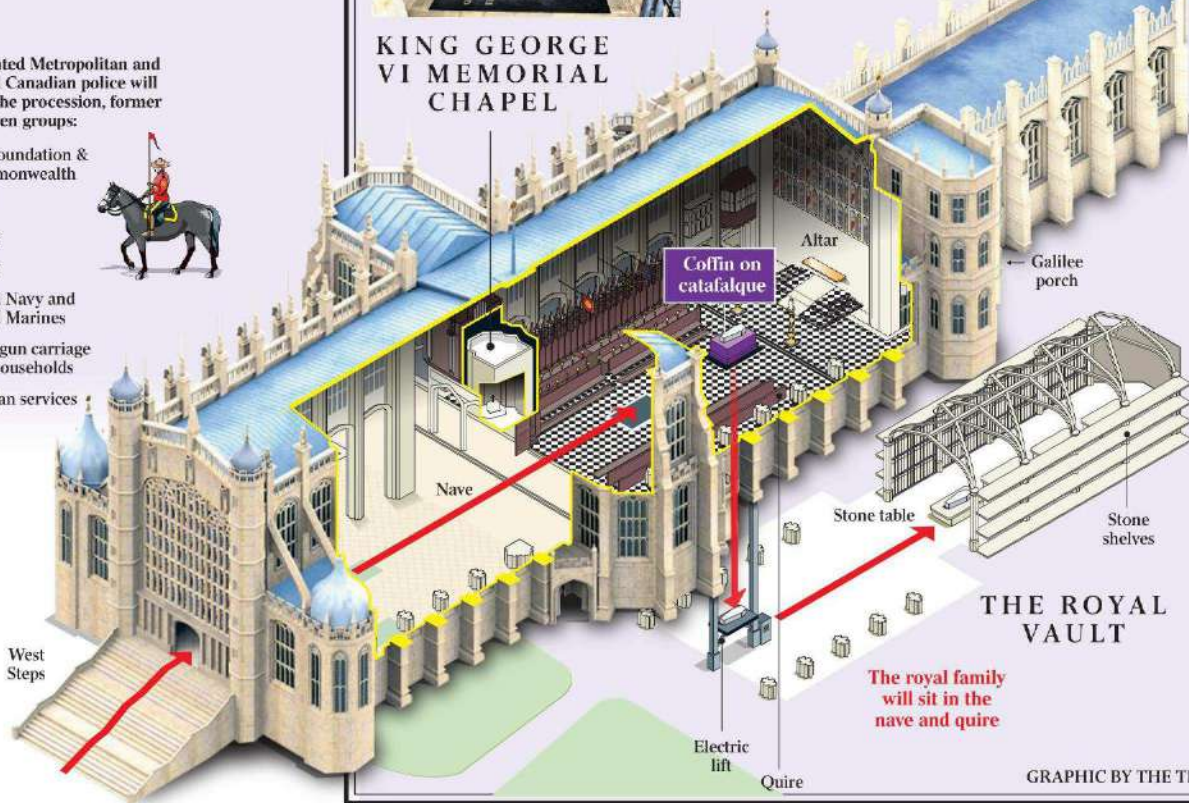


7.30pm

Private burial service

- Attended by the King and members of the royal family. Her Majesty will be buried in the King George VI Memorial Chapel.

ST GEORGE'S CHAPEL



THE ROYAL VAULT

The royal family will sit in the nave and quire

GRAPHIC BY THE TIMES



“
EACH DAY IS A NEW BEGINNING.
I KNOW THAT THE ONLY WAY TO LIVE
MY LIFE IS TO TRY TO DO WHAT IS RIGHT,
TO TAKE THE LONG VIEW, TO GIVE OF
MY BEST IN ALL THAT THE DAY BRINGS,
AND TO PUT MY TRUST IN GOD

QUEEN ELIZABETH II,
CHRISTMAS BROADCAST, 2002

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The State Funeral & Committal of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II



Orders — OF — Service

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 19 2022

FUNERAL
WESTMINSTER ABBEY
AT 11AM

COMMITTAL
ST GEORGE'S CHAPEL,
WINDSOR CASTLE AT 4PM

SOUVENIR GUIDE



The State Funeral of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II Order of Service

*All stand as the procession of the coffin enters the abbey.
The Choir of Westminster Abbey sings*

THE SENTENCES

during which the procession of the coffin moves through the abbey.

I AM the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

John xi, 25–26

I KNOW that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: and though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God; whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another.

Job xix, 25–27

WE brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.

William Croft (1678–1727)

I Timothy vi, 7; Job i, 21

Organist of Westminster Abbey 1708–27

*The Choir of Westminster Abbey and the Choir of the Chapel Royal,
St James's Palace, sing*

THOU knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts; shut not thy merciful ears unto our prayer; but spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty, O holy and most merciful Saviour, thou most worthy Judge eternal, suffer us not, at our last hour, for any pains of death, to fall from thee. **Amen.**

Henry Purcell (1659–95)

The Book of Common Prayer 1549

Organist of Westminster Abbey 1679–95

I HEARD a voice from Heaven, saying unto me, “Write, ‘From henceforth blessed are the dead which die in the Lord: even so saith the Spirit; for they rest from their labours.’” **Amen.**

William Croft

Revelation xiv, 13

Queen Elizabeth II and the Duke of Edinburgh were photographed by Cecil Beaton in front of a painted backdrop of Westminster Abbey after the coronation in 1953





Beadle
The Choir of Westminster Abbey
Mr James O'Donnell
Organist and Master of the Choristers

Pursuivants and Heralds of Arms of Scotland:

March	Falkland
Linlithgow	Unicorn
Ormond	Carrick
Rothsay	Marchmont

Pursuivants and Heralds of Arms of England:

Portcullis	Bluemantle
Rouge Dragon	Wales
Norfolk	Maltravers
Windsor	York

Richmond

Kings of Arms:

Norroy and Ulster	Lord Lyon	Clarenceux
King of Arms	King of Arms	King of Arms
Lady Usher		Garter Principal
of the Black Rod		King of Arms

Household of Queen Elizabeth II:

Master of the Horse	Lord Steward	
Director of the	Comptroller,	Master of the
Royal Collection	Lord Chamberlain's Office	Household
Keeper of the Privy Purse	Private Secretary	
The Queen's Page	The Queen's Page	Palace Steward
Verge		
The King's Almsmen		
Verge		
Primate of York	Primate of Canterbury	
The Most Reverend and Right	The Most Reverend and Right	
Honourable Stephen Cottrell	Honourable Justin Welby	
<i>Archbishop of York,</i>	<i>Archbishop of Canterbury,</i>	
<i>Primate of England and</i>	<i>Primate of All England and</i>	
<i>Metropolitan</i>	<i>Metropolitan</i>	
The Cross of Westminster and Lights		
The Reverend Robert Latham	The Reverend Mark Birch	
<i>Minor Canon and Sacrist</i>	<i>Minor Canon and Precentor</i>	
Mr Paul Baumann CBE		
<i>Receiver General</i>		

Sir Kenneth Olisa OBE
High Bailiff of Westminster

Verge

The Venerable Tricia Hillas	The Reverend Dr James Hawkey
<i>Canon Steward and</i>	<i>Canon Theologian</i>
<i>Archdeacon of Westminster</i>	<i>and Almoner</i>
The Right Reverend Anthony Ball	The Reverend David Stanton
<i>Canon of Westminster and</i>	<i>Sub-Dean and</i>
<i>Rector of St Margaret's Church</i>	<i>Canon Treasurer</i>

Dean's Verge

The Very Reverend Dr David Hoyle MBE
Dean of Westminster

Pall Bearers

Lord Chamberlain

HER MAJESTY'S COFFIN
surmounted by
The Imperial State Crown,
The Orb and The Sceptre
and borne by the
Bearer Party

The Queen Consort

THE KING

Vice-Admiral Sir Tim Laurence

The Princess Royal

The Duke of York

The Countess of Wessex and Forfar

The Earl of Wessex and Forfar

The Princess of Wales

The Prince of Wales

Princess Charlotte of Wales

Prince George of Wales

The Duchess of Sussex

The Duke of Sussex

The Earl of Snowdon

Mr Peter Phillips

The Duke of Gloucester

Prince Michael of Kent

The Duke of Kent

Household of the former Prince of Wales and Duchess of Cornwall:

Private Secretary

Principal Private Secretary

Equerry

Master of the Household

Household of the Prince and Princess of Wales:
Equerry



All remain standing. The Very Reverend Dr David Hoyle MBE, Dean of Westminster, gives

THE BIDDING

IN grief and also in profound thanksgiving we come to this House of God, to a place of prayer, to a church where remembrance and hope are sacred duties. Here, where Queen Elizabeth was married and crowned, we gather from across the nation, from the Commonwealth, and from the nations of the world, to mourn our loss, to remember her long life of selfless service, and in sure confidence to commit her to the mercy of God our maker and redeemer.

With gratitude we remember her unswerving commitment to a high calling over so many years as Queen and Head of the Commonwealth. With admiration we recall her life-long sense of duty and dedication to her people. With thanksgiving we praise God for her constant example of Christian faith and devotion. With affection we recall her love for her family and her commitment to the causes she held dear.

Now, in silence, let us in our hearts and minds recall our many reasons for thanksgiving, pray for all members of her family, and commend Queen Elizabeth to the care and keeping of almighty God.

A brief silence is kept.

OMERCIFUL God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the resurrection and the life; in whom whosoever believeth shall live, though he die; and whosoever liveth, and believeth in him, shall not die eternally; who hast taught us, by his holy Apostle Saint Paul, not to be sorry, as men without hope, for them that sleep in him: We meekly beseech thee, O Father, to raise us from the death of sin unto the life of righteousness; that, when we shall depart this life, we may rest in him, as our hope is this our sister doth; and that, at the general Resurrection in the last day, we may be found acceptable in thy sight; and receive that blessing, which thy well-beloved Son shall then pronounce to all that love and fear thee, saying, Come, ye blessed children of my Father, receive the kingdom prepared for you from the beginning of the world. Grant this, we beseech thee, O merciful Father, through Jesus Christ, our mediator and redeemer. **Amen.**

All sing



THE HYMN

THE day thou gavest, Lord, is ended,
the darkness falls at thy behest;
to thee our morning hymns ascended,
thy praise shall sanctify our rest.
We thank thee that thy Church unsleeping,
while earth rolls onward into light,
through all the world her watch is keeping,
and rests not now by day or night.
As o'er each continent and island
the dawn leads on another day,
the voice of prayer is never silent,
nor dies the strain of praise away.
The sun that bids us rest is waking
our brethren 'neath the western sky,
and hour by hour fresh lips are making
thy wondrous doings heard on high.
So be it, Lord; thy throne shall never,
like earth's proud empires, pass away;
thy kingdom stands, and grows for ever,
till all thy creatures own thy sway.

St Clement

Clement Scholefield (1839-1904)

arranged by James O'Donnell (b 1961)

John Ellerton (1826-93)

All sit. The Right Honourable the Baroness Scotland of Asthal KC, secretary-general of the Commonwealth, reads

THE FIRST LESSON

NOW is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming. Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

I Corinthians xv: 20-26, 53-end

Thanks be to God.



All remain seated. The choir sings

THE PSALM

LIKE as the hart desireth the water-brooks, so longeth my soul after thee, O God. My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God: when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?

My tears have been my meat day and night: while they daily say unto me, Where is now thy God?

Now when I think thereupon, I pour out my heart by myself: for I went with the multitude, and brought them forth into the house of God;

In the voice of praise and thanksgiving: among such as keep holy-day.

Why art thou so full of heaviness, O my soul: and why art thou so disquieted within me?

Put thy trust in God: for I will yet give him thanks for the help of his countenance.

*Judith Weir CBE (b 1954)
composed for this service*

Psalm xlii, 1-7

The Right Honourable Elizabeth Truss MP, prime minister of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, reads

THE SECOND LESSON

LET not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know. Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way? Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him. Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us. Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? He that hath seen me hath seen the Father.

John xiv, 1-9a

Thanks be to God.

All stand to sing

THE HYMN



THE Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;
he makes me down to lie
in pastures green; he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again,
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
e'en for his own name's sake.

*All remain seated
The choir sings*

Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale,
yet will I fear none ill;
for thou art with me, and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.

All sing

My table thou hast furnished
in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me;
and in God's house for evermore
my dwelling place shall be.

Crimond Psalm 23

*attributed to Jessie Seymour Irvine (1836-87)
harmony by David Grant (1833-93)
descant by William Baird Ross (1871-1950)*

Psalm 23

in Scottish Psalter 1650

THE SERMON

The Most Reverend and Right Honourable Justin Welby
Archbishop of Canterbury, Primate of All England and Metropolitan

All remain seated. The choir sings

THE ANTHEM

MY soul, there is a country
Far beyond the stars,
Where stands a winged sentry
All skilful in the wars:

He is thy gracious friend,
And (O my soul, awake!)
Did in pure love descend,
To die here for thy sake.

There above noise, and danger,
Sweet Peace sits crowned with smiles,
And One born in a manger
Commands the beauteous files.

If thou canst get but thither,
There grows the flower of Peace,
The Rose that cannot wither,
Thy fortress, and thy ease.

Leave then thy foolish ranges,
For none can thee secure,
But One who never changes,
Thy God, thy Life, thy Cure.

*from Songs of Farewell
Hubert Parry (1848-1918)*

Henry Vaughan (1621-95)

The Reverend Mark Birch, Minor Canon and Precentor, leads

THE PRAYERS

In confidence and trust, let us pray to the Father.

All kneel or remain seated.

The Reverend Dr Iain Greenshields, moderator of the general assembly of the Church of Scotland, says



Let us give thanks to God for Queen Elizabeth's long life and reign, recalling with gratitude her gifts of wisdom, diligence, and service.

O GOD, from whom cometh everything that is upright and true: accept our thanks for the gifts of heart and mind that thou didst bestow upon thy daughter Elizabeth, and which she showed forth among us in her words and deeds; and grant that we may have grace to live our lives in accordance with thy will, to seek the good of others, and to remain faithful servants unto our lives' end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Ms Shermara Fletcher, principal officer for pentecostal and charismatic relations, Churches Together in England, says

Confident in God's love and compassion, let us pray for all those whose hearts are heavy with grief and sorrow.

ALMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies and giver of all comfort: deal graciously, we pray thee, with those who mourn, that casting every care on thee, they may know the consolation of thy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Right Reverend and Right Honourable Dame Sarah Mullally DBE, Bishop of London and Dean of His Majesty's Chapels Royal, says

Let us pray for His Majesty the King and all the royal family; that they may know the sustaining power of God's love and the prayerful fellowship of God's people.

ALMIGHTY God, the fountain of all goodness, we humbly beseech thee to bless our most gracious Sovereign Lord King Charles, Camilla the Queen Consort, William Prince of Wales, and all the royal family: endue them with thy Holy Spirit, enrich them with thy heavenly grace; prosper them with all happiness; and bring them to thine everlasting kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Reverend Canon Helen Cameron, moderator of the Free Churches Group, says

In recognition of Queen Elizabeth's service to this United Kingdom, let us rejoice in her unstinting devotion to duty, her compassion for her subjects, and her counsel to her ministers; and we pray for the continued health and prosperity of this nation.

ALMIGHTY God, whose will it is that all thy children should serve thee in serving one another: look with love, we pray thee, on this nation. Grant to its citizens grace to work together with honest and faithful hearts, each caring for the good of all; that, seeking first thy kingdom and its righteousness, they may possess all things needful for their daily sustenance and the common good; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

His Eminence Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster, says

Let us give thanks for Queen Elizabeth's commitment to the Commonwealth

throughout her reign, for her service and dedication to its peoples, and for the rich bonds of unity and mutual support she sustained.

O ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, hear our prayer for the Commonwealth, and grant it the guidance of thy wisdom. Inspire those in authority, that they may promote justice and the common good; give to all its citizens the spirit of mutual honour and respect; and grant to us all grace to strive for the establishment of righteousness and peace; for the honour of thy name. **Amen.**

The Most Reverend and Right Honourable Stephen Cottrell, Archbishop of York, Primate of England and Metropolitan, says

We give thanks to God for Queen Elizabeth's loyalty to the faith she inherited through her baptism and confirmation, and affirmed at her coronation; for her unswerving devotion to the Gospel; and for her steadfast service as Supreme Governor of the Church of England.

LORD, we beseech thee to keep thy household the Church in continual godliness; that through thy protection she may be free from all adversities, and devoutly given to serve thee in all good works, to the glory of thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Precentor says

Let us pray that we may be given grace to live as those who believe in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to eternal life.

BRING us, O Lord God, at our last awakening into the house and gate of Heaven, to enter into that gate and dwell in that house, where there shall be no darkness nor dazzling, but one equal light; no noise nor silence, but one equal music; no fears nor hopes, but one equal possession; no ends nor beginnings, but one equal eternity; in the habitation of thy glory and dominion, world without end. **Amen.**

John Donne (1572–1631)

The choir sings

O TASTE and see how gracious the Lord is: blest is the man that trusteth in him.

*Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)
composed for the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II, 1953*

Psalms xxxiv, 8

The Precentor concludes

In confidence and hope, let us pray to the Father in the words our Saviour taught us,

OUR Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. **Amen.**





For the Queen's lying in state at Westminster Hall, members of the Sovereign's Bodyguard worked six-hour shifts, standing vigil for 20 minutes at a time



All stand to sing

THE HYMN



LOVE divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesu, thou art all compassion,
pure unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation,
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation,
perfectly restored in thee,
changed from glory into glory
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise!

Blaenwern
William Rowlands (1860–1937)
arranged by James O'Donnell (b 1961)

Charles Wesley (1707–88)

All remain standing for

THE COMMENDATIONS

The Archbishop of Canterbury says

Let us commend to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer, the soul of Elizabeth, our late Queen.

HEAVENLY Father, King of kings, Lord and giver of life, who of thy grace in creation didst form mankind in thine own image, and in thy great love offerest us life eternal in Christ Jesus; claiming the promises of thy most blessed Son, we entrust the soul of Elizabeth, our sister here departed, to thy merciful keeping, in sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life, when Christ shall be all in all; who died and rose again to save us, and now liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, in glory for ever. **Amen.**

GO forth, O Christian soul, from this world, in the name of God the Father almighty, who created thee; in the name of Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who suffered for thee; in the name of the Holy Spirit, who was poured out upon thee and anointed thee. In communion with all the blessed saints, and aided by the angels and archangels and all the armies of the heavenly host, may thy portion this day be in peace, and thy dwelling in the heavenly Jerusalem. **Amen.**

All remain standing. The choir sings

THE ANTHEM

WHO shall separate us from the love of Christ? Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Alleluia! **Amen.**

Sir James MacMillan CBE (b 1959)
composed for this Service

Romans viii, 35a, 38b–end

The Dean pronounces

THE BLESSING

GOD grant to the living grace; to the departed rest; to the Church, the King, the Commonwealth, and all people, peace and concord, and to us sinners, life everlasting; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

All remain standing for

THE LAST POST

Silence is kept.

REVEILLE

All sing

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

GOD save our gracious King,
long live our noble King,
God save the King.
Send him victorious,
happy and glorious,
long to reign over us:
God save the King.

Thy choicest gifts in store
on him be pleased to pour,
long may he reign.
May he defend our laws,
and ever give us cause
to sing with heart and voice:

God save the King!
arranged by Gordon Jacob (1895–1984)



All remain standing. The Queen's Piper, Warrant Officer Class 1 (Pipe Major) Paul Burns, plays

Sleep, dearie, sleep *traditional*

*All remain standing as the coffin and processions leave the church.
The Sub-Organist plays*

Fantasia in C minor, BWV 562 *Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)*

THE PROCESSION OF THE COFFIN

Verger

Primalial Cross of York

Primalial Cross of Canterbury

**The Most Reverend and Right
Honourable Stephen Cottrell**

Archbishop of York,
Primate of England and Metropolitan

**The Most Reverend and Right
Honourable Justin Welby**

Archbishop of Canterbury,
Primate of All England and Metropolitan

The Cross of Westminster and Lights

The Reverend Robert Latham
Minor Canon and Sacrist

The Reverend Mark Birch
Minor Canon and Precentor

Mr Paul Baumann CBE
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Sir Kenneth Olisa OBE
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The Reverend Dr James Hawkey
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and Almoner

The Right Reverend Anthony Ball
Canon of Westminster and
Rector of St Margaret's Church

The Reverend David Stanton
Sub-Dean and
Canon Treasurer

Dean's Verger

The Very Reverend Dr David Hoyle MBE
Dean of Westminster

HER MAJESTY'S COFFIN

The Queen Consort

THE KING

Vice-Admiral Sir Tim Laurence

The Princess Royal

The Duke of York

The Countess of Wessex and Forfar

The Earl of Wessex and Forfar

The Princess of Wales

The Prince of Wales

Princess Charlotte of Wales

Prince George of Wales

The Duchess of Sussex

The Duke of Sussex

The Earl of Snowdon

Mr Peter Phillips

The Duke of Gloucester

Prince Michael of Kent

The Duke of Kent

Music after the service:

Allegro maestoso (Sonata in G, Op 28)

Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

*Members of the congregation are requested to remain in their places
until invited to move by the Honorary Stewards.*

*Later in the afternoon, the bells of the abbey are rung fully muffled by
the Westminster Abbey Company of Ringers in a peal of Stedman
Caters, comprising 5,096 changes.*





The Committal of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II Order of Service

All stand as the coffin passes through the West Door of St George's Chapel, Windsor, and moves in procession to the quire as the choir sings

PSALM 121

I WILL lift up mine eyes unto the hills: from whence cometh my help.
My help cometh even from the Lord: who hath made heaven and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved:
and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.
Behold, he that keepeth Israel: shall neither slumber nor sleep.
The Lord himself is thy keeper: the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand;
So that the sun shall not burn thee by day: neither the moon by night.
The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil:
yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.
The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in:
from this time forth for evermore.
Glory be to the Father: and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end.
Amen.

*Music: Sir Henry Walford Davies, KCVO, OBE (1869–1941),
sometime organist, St George's Chapel*

All then sit as the choir sings

THE RUSSIAN CONTAKION OF THE DEPARTED

GIVE rest, O Christ, to thy servant with thy Saints:
where sorrow and pain are no more; neither sighing but
life everlasting.
Thou only art immortal, the Creator and Maker of man:
And we are mortal, formed of the earth, and unto earth shall we return:
For so thou didst ordain, when thou createdst me, saying,
Dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.
All we go down to the dust; and, weeping o'er the grave we make our song:
Alleluya, alleluya, alleluya.
Give rest, O Christ, to thy servant with thy Saints:
Where sorrow and pain are no more; neither sighing but life everlasting.

*Words: Translated William J Birkbeck (1869–1916) Music: Kiev Melody
edited by Sir Walter Parratt, KCVO (1841–1924),
sometime organist, St George's Chapel*

All stand as the Dean of Windsor says

THE BIDDING

WE have come to get her to commit into the hands of God the soul
of his servant Queen Elizabeth. Here, in St George's Chapel,
where she so often worshipped, we are bound to call to mind someone

whose uncomplicated yet profound Christian Faith bore so much fruit.
Fruit, in a life of unstinting service to the Nation, the Commonwealth
and the wider world, but also (and especially to be remembered in
this place) in kindness, concern and reassuring care for her family and
friends and neighbours. In the midst of our rapidly changing and
frequently troubled world, her calm and dignified presence has given us
confidence to face the future, as she did, with courage and with hope. As,
with grateful hearts, we reflect on these and all the many other ways in
which her long life has been a blessing to us, we pray that God will give
us grace to honour her memory by following her example, and that, with
our sister Elizabeth, at the last, we shall know the joys of life eternal.

All remain standing

THE HYMN

ALL my hope on God is founded;
He doth still my trust renew.
Me through change and chance he guideth,
Only good and only true.
God unknown,
He alone
Calls my heart to be his own.

God's great goodness aye endureth,
Deep his wisdom, passing thought:
Splendour, light and life attend him,
Beauty springeth out of naught.
Evermore
From his store
New-born worlds rise and adore.
Daily doth th'Almighty giver
Bounteous gifts on us bestow;
His desire our soul delighteth,
Pleasure leads us where we go.
Love doth stand
At his hand;
Joy doth wait on his command.

Still from man to God eternal
Sacrifice of praise be done,
High above all praises praising
For the gift of Christ his Son.
Christ doth call
One and all:
Ye who follow shall not fall.

*Words: Robert Bridges, OM (1844–1930)
based on the German of Joachim Neander (1650–80)*

Music: 'MICHAEL' Herbert Howells, CH, CBE (1892–1983)



All sit.

THE READING

Revelation xxi, 1-7

*Read by the Dean of Windsor,
Register of the Most Noble Order of the Garter*

I SAW a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful. And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

All kneel or sit.

THE PRAYERS

*Read by the Rector of Sandringham, the Minister of Crathie Kirk
and the Chaplain of the Royal Chapel, Windsor Great Park.*

REMEMBER, O Lord, thy servant Elizabeth who has gone before us with the sign of faith, and now rests in sleep. According to thy promises, grant unto her, and to all who repose in Christ, refreshment, light and peace; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

MERCIFUL Father and Lord of all life, we praise thee that thou hast made us in thine image and that we reflect thy truth and light. We give special thanks for the life of thy daughter Elizabeth, for the mercy she received from thee, and for the example that through her life of service, love and faith, she has set before our eyes. Above all, we rejoice at thy gracious promise to all thy servants, living and departed, that we shall rise again at the coming of our Saviour Jesus Christ. We pray that, in due time, we may share with our sister that clearer vision when we shall see thy face in the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

OFATHER of all, we pray to thee for those whom we love, but see no longer. Grant them peace; let light perpetual shine upon them; and, in thy loving wisdom and almighty power, work in them the good purposes of thy perfect will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

OLORD, support us all the day long of this troublous life, until the shades lengthen and the evening comes, the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over and our work is done; then Lord, in thy mercy, grant us safe lodging, a holy rest, and peace at the last; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

LORD God Almighty, King of creation, bless our King and all Members of the Royal Family. May godliness be their guidance, may sanctity be their strength, may peace on earth be the fruit of their labours, and their joy in heaven thine eternal gift; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GOD save our gracious Sovereign and all the Companions, living and departed, of the Most Honourable and Noble Order of the Garter. **Amen.**

All say together

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**OUR Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done; In earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation;
But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.**

All sit as the choir sings

THE MOTET

BRING us, O Lord God, at our last awakening into the house and gate of heaven, to enter into that gate and dwell in that house, where there shall be no darkness nor dazzling, but one equal light; no noise nor silence, but one equal music; no fears nor hopes, but one equal possession; no ends nor beginnings, but one equal eternity; in the habitation of thy glory and dominion, world without end. **Amen.**

Words: John Donne (1572–1631)

*Music: Sir William Henry Harris, KCVO (1883–1973),
sometime Organist, St George's Chapel*

All stand for the presentation, in silence, of the Instruments of State, to be received by the Dean of Windsor, from the Queen's Bargemaster and a Serjeant of Arms, who places them on the High Altar.

All remain standing.



THE HYMN

CHRIST is made the sure foundation,
 And the precious corner-stone,
 Who, the two walls underlying,
 Bound in each, binds both in one,
 Holy Sion's help for ever,
 And her confidence alone.

To this temple, where we call thee,
 Come, O Lord of hosts, today;
 With thy wonted loving-kindness,
 Hear thy people as they pray;
 And thy fullest benediction
 Shed within its walls for ay.

Here vouchsafe to all thy servants
 Gifts of grace by prayer to gain;
 Here to have and hold for ever,
 Those good things their prayers obtain,
 And hereafter, in thy glory,
 With thy blessed ones to reign.

Laud and honour to the Father,
 Laud and honour to the Son,
 Laud and honour to the Spirit,
 Ever Three and ever One,
 One in love, and One in splendour,
 While unending ages run. **Amen.**

Words: Latin, 7th century
 Translated by John M Neale (1818-66)

Music: 'WESTMINSTER ABBEY' adapted from
 the Alleluys in Purcell's 'O God, Thou art my
 God' for BELVILLE in The Psalmist 1843

*At the end of the hymn, The Queen's Company Camp Colour is placed
 on the coffin by the King, having received it from the Regimental
 Lieutenant Colonel Grenadier Guards.*

*The Lord Chamberlain breaks his wand which is placed upon
 the coffin.*

All remain standing.

THE COMMITTAL

As the coffin is lowered the Dean of Windsor says

THE PSALM

103. 13-17

LIKE as a father pitieth his own children:
 Even so is the Lord merciful unto them that fear him.
 For he knoweth whereof we are made:
 he remembereth that we are but dust.
 The days of man are but as grass:
 for he flourisheth as a flower of the field.

For as soon as the wind goeth over it, it is gone:
 and the place thereof shall know it no more.
 But the merciful goodness of the Lord endureth for ever and ever
 upon them that fear him:
 and his righteousness upon children's children.

The dean continues

GO forth upon thy journey from this world,
 O Christian soul;
 In the name of God the Father Almighty who created thee;
 In the name of Jesus Christ who suffered for thee;
 In the name of the Holy Spirit who strengtheneth thee.
 In communion with the blessed saints,
 and aided by Angels and Archangels,
 and all the armies of the heavenly host,
 may thy portion this day be in peace,
 and thy dwelling in the heavenly Jerusalem.
Amen.

All remain standing. Garter King of Arms proclaims

THE STYLES AND TITLES OF QUEEN ELIZABETH II

THUS it hath pleased Almighty God to take out of this transitory life
 unto His Divine Mercy the late Most High, Most Mighty, and Most
 Excellent Monarch, Elizabeth the Second, by the Grace of God of the
 United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of Her other
 Realms and Territories Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of
 the Faith, and Sovereign of the Most Noble Order of the Garter.

The Queen's Piper plays a lament from the north quire aisle.

A Salute to the Royal Fendensmith Pipe Major James M Banks (b 1946)

LET us humbly beseech Almighty God to bless with long life, health
 and honour, and all worldly happiness the Most High, Most Mighty
 and Most Excellent Monarch, our Sovereign Lord, now, by the Grace of
 God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and
 of His other Realms and Territories King, Head of the Commonwealth,
 Defender of the Faith, and Sovereign of the Most Noble Order of the
 Garter. GOD SAVE THE KING.

All remain standing as the Archbishop of Canterbury pronounces

THE BLESSING

GO forth into the world in peace;
 Be of good courage, hold fast that which is good,
 render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted,
 support the weak, help the afflicted, honour all people,
 love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;
 And the blessing of God Almighty,
 the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit
 be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**



All remain standing.

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

God save our gracious King,
Long live our noble King,
God save the King!
Send him victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us;
God save the King!

All remain standing.

THE VOLUNTARY

*Prelude and Fugue in C minor, BWV 546
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)*

All remain standing as the King and the Queen Consort, preceded by the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Archbishop of York and accompanied by the Dean of Windsor, move to the Galilee porch, where the archbishops and dean take their leave.

Other members of the royal family, escorted by the canons of Windsor, move to the Galilee porch, where the canons take their leave.

Members of foreign royal families, governors-general and realm prime ministers, escorted by gentlemen ushers, move to the west doors.

The choir and succentor leave the quire by way of the organ screen. The clergy leave by way of the north quire gate. The congregation sits.

His Majesty's Body Guard of the Honourable Corps of Gentlemen at Arms and the King's Body Guard of the Yeomen of the Guard move by way of the centre aisle, the north nave aisle and the north quire aisle to the cloisters.

The congregation will be asked by the stewards and the ushers to leave the chapel.

How the day unfolds

6.30am

The doors of Westminster Hall are closed to the public and the lying in state comes to an end. The line to pay respects stretched for five miles, with the King and Prince of Wales both visiting the queue at the weekend to thank those who faced waits of 12 hours to reach the Palace of Westminster and see the Queen's coffin draped in the Royal Standard.

8.00am

Westminster Abbey's doors will open to allow members of the congregation to take their seats. Heads of state, royals, governors-general and prime ministers of the realm will gather at the Royal Hospital Chelsea to be ferried to the abbey. President Biden received special dispensation to travel in his armoured car, known as the Beast.

10.35am

Pallbearers from the Queen's Company, 1st Battalion Grenadier Guards will lift the coffin from the catafalque in Westminster Hall and carry it to the state gun carriage waiting outside. The coffin will have a tri-service guard of honour, with the King and other members of the royal family following the carriage on its short journey to the abbey.

11.00am

The state funeral service, led by the Dean of Westminster. The prime minister will read lessons, with the Archbishop of Canterbury giving the sermon. Towards the end the Last Post will sound, followed by two minutes' silence. After the national anthem and a lament from the Queen's Piper, the coffin will be carried to the gun carriage outside.

12.15pm

The procession to Wellington Arch will begin, with the route lined by members of the armed forces. The seven groups will be led by Mounties from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and include representatives of the NHS. Minute guns will be fired in Hyde Park by the King's Troop, Royal Horse Artillery, and Big Ben will toll throughout.

1.00pm

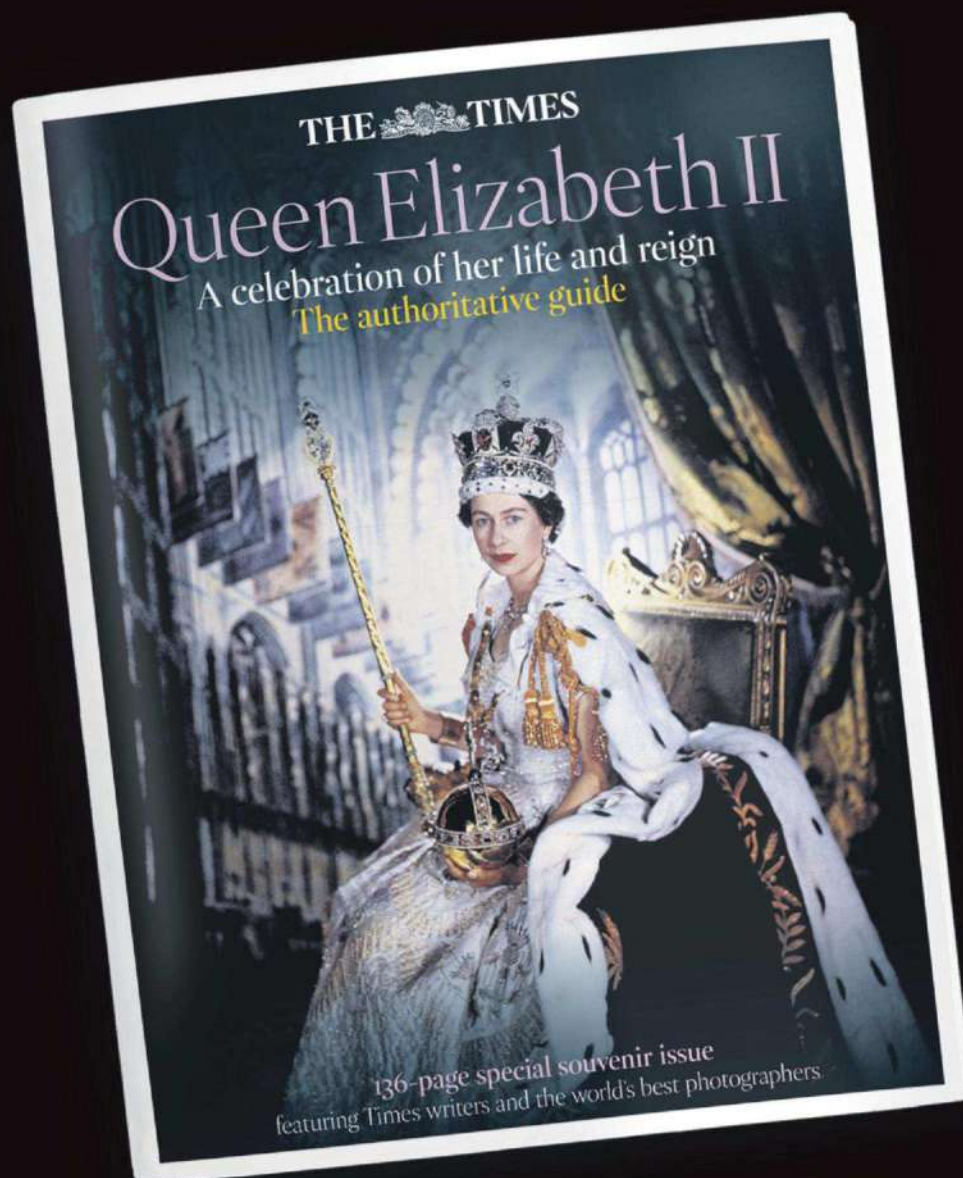
The procession will arrive at Wellington Arch, where the coffin will be placed in the state hearse. As the coffin departs for Windsor Castle, the parade will give a royal salute and the national anthem will be played. The King and Queen Consort, the Prince and Princess of Wales and members of the royal family will depart for Windsor by car.

3.40pm

The King and other members of the royal family will rejoin the procession at Windsor Castle. It will halt at the bottom of the steps of St George's Chapel, with the bearer party carrying the coffin inside. The King will place the Queen's Company Camp Colour of the Grenadier Guards on the coffin before it is lowered into the Royal Vault.

7.30pm

A private burial service attended by the King and members of the royal family will be conducted by the Dean of Windsor, David Conner, in the King George VI Memorial Chapel. The Queen is to be buried with her late husband, the Duke of Edinburgh, who died last April at the age of 99. The couple were married for 73 years.



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succeed Potter



**Arsenal are top of the table and dreaming
of first league title for 18 years — and a
man called Vieira (Fábio, not Patrick)
scored in convincing win at Brentford**

Party like it's 2004

PAGES 2-3

Vieira and
Granit Xhaka
celebrate the
new boy's goal
that sealed a
3-0 victory at
Brentford

Arteta's men are no longer a

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Saliba 17

Jesus 28

Vieira 49

POSSESSION

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64%

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HOW THEY STAND										
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Tottenham	7	5	2	0	18	7	11	17		
Brighton	6	4	1	1	11	5	6	13		
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Fulham	7	3	2	2	12	11	1	11		
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Leeds	6	2	2	2	10	10	0	8		
B'nemouth	7	2	2	3	6	19	-13	8		
Everton	7	1	4	2	5	6	-1	7		
S'hampton	7	2	1	4	7	11	-4	7		
Aston Villa	7	2	1	4	6	10	-4	7		
C Palace	6	1	3	2	7	9	-2	6		
Wolves	7	1	3	3	3	7	-4	6		
West Ham	7	1	1	5	3	9	-6	4		
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RATINGS

Brentford (3-5-2): D Raya 6 — K Ajer 5, P Jansson 5, B Mee 6, R Henry 6 — A Hickey 6, J Dasilva 5 (M Damsgaard 63min), V Janelt 5 (F Onyeka 63, 5), M Jensen 5 (S Baptiste 69, 5), R Henry 6 — B Mbeumo 6 (Y Wissa 76), I Toney 5.

Arsenal (4-3-3): A Ramsdale 7 — B White 6 (T Tomiyasu 86), W Saliba 7, Gabriel 7, K Tierney 7 — F Vieira 7 (E Nwaneri 90), T Partey 6 (A Lokonga 78), G Khaka 7 — B Saka 7 (Marquinos 90), G Jesus 8, G Martinelli 6 (E Nketiah 78). Booked Khaka, Jesus.

Referee D Coote.

Tweet

Gabriel Magalhães

gabrielm04

Nice kick about with the boys. 🏆❤️👏 @Arsenal

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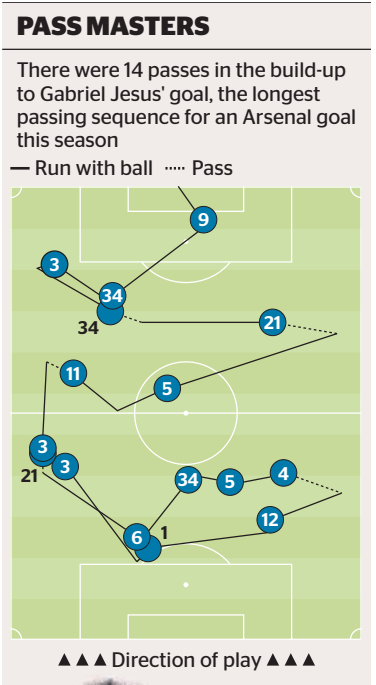
Gabriel's tweet, mocking Ivan Toney who posted the same words after Brentford beat Arsenal 2-0 last year



Arsenal climbed above Manchester City and Tottenham Hotspur to the top of the table after a victory that was somewhat surprisingly free of angst. There had been introspection after the recent defeat by Manchester United at Old Trafford but nothing to match the levels of near paranoia at Arsenal that followed the loss away to Brentford on the opening day of last season. Mikel Arteta is, it seems, getting used to handling setbacks. A documentary crew hung on his every word as he conjured all manner of motivational speeches in the previous campaign and, at times, it felt as if he must surely run out of words, but if you look beyond the efforts to lift morale, his tenure is one based on the simple principle that defeats, while unacceptable, are his responsibility. Arteta's is a journey mirrored by Granit Khaka, whom his manager praised for his humility and consistency in spite of his tumultuous relationship with the fans. Where Khaka was once impetuous and reckless, here he was statesmanlike as well as creative, setting up the second goal with a moment of insight and instinct and wearing the captain's armband with gentle pride in the absence of Martin Odegaard. Arsenal will peer down upon a resurgent Spurs through the international break and when domestic football returns, it will do so smacking its lips in anticipation of the north London derby at lunchtime on October 1.

That Brentford would regularly be a source of frustration for the division's best teams was in evidence during their first-ever Premier League match in August last year against Arsenal and yet, on this occasion, Thomas Frank's side were meek and mild and posed little in the way of threat at all. Frank typically refused to be too downbeat. "You could see how much it meant to Arsenal," the Brentford head coach said. Indeed, the idea that this might be an easy place at which to pick up points has long been discredited. The backdrop to the match involved speculation that Frank is on the radar of clubs in need of fresh

impetus, but this was the case towards the end of last season as well and so it is unlikely to have been a contributory factor to the defeat. Was it a trick of the autumn light or did Ivan Toney appear an inch taller after his first England call-up? His name, however, was sung not for his attacking prowess, but for blocking a potentially dangerous early run from Bukayo Saka. A few moments later, though, Saka took the corner that was met by William Saliba for the opening goal. David Raya, the Brentford goalkeeper, clawed the ball away, but it had already drifted over the line. It was soon 2-0, with Arsenal not so much flooding forward as gliding. Khaka calmly exchanged passes with



Kieran Tierney and then the Arsenal captain looped the ball towards the head of Jesus, who jumped effortlessly to almost caress it beyond Raya. Jesus is proving that rare phenomenon, a player who everyone thought was a smart purchase and has not let the optimists down. His fourth league goal of the season was beautifully done, but it is his entire demeanour that rubs off on the team. The former Manchester City forward somehow manages to be keen and not earnest, sharp yet relaxed. His footwork is mesmeric and in the second half he jinked at high speed towards goal, bringing an alert block from the usually excellent Raya. Some teams simply do not handle an early kick-off very well and Brentford, usually so effervescent, were plodding. They played *Hey Jude* at half-time to try to lift the lethargy. It did not work. Never has it sounded more incongruous at a football stadium. Soon, Frank's side were 3-0 down, with Fábio Vieira taking aim, in a 'well, why not?' sort of a way from 20 yards out. The ball clipped the near post and dinked in beyond Raya. It felt as if having the prospect of a Brentford player being picked for England for the first time in 83 years meant everyone switched off, thinking their work here is done. At least when the home side won a free kick on the edge of the area they applied some imagination, with Mathias Jensen rolling the ball to Toney, who flicked it up for a volley that very nearly came off. Still, it was Arteta's team who continued to look more dangerous, with Raya leaping to deny Saka. Then a Gabriel effort from distance came close. As the crowd clapped in the 70th minute to mark the reign of the Queen, the home side became, suddenly, slick but the Arsenal defence maintained their composure. They are unrecognisable from the side that trudged off under the Friday night lights of the opening game last year and became a laughing stock. This time, so comfortable was the experience that Arteta brought Ethan Nwaneri off the bench for the final few minutes. "How shit must you be, he's only 15," sang the visiting fans and yes, indeed, Nwaneri is, at 15 years and 181 days the youngest player to feature in the Premier League. For Arteta the commitment to youth is, it seems, never ending. He said Nwaneri's inclusion was based on a "gut feeling" and his intuition overall, so far, seems to be paying off.



Schoolboy Nwaneri is

Not even old enough to get changed with his Arsenal team-mates, Gary Jacob sees player make top-flight history

Aged only 15 years and 181 days, Arsenal's Ethan Nwaneri made history in becoming the youngest player in top-flight history by coming off the bench in his side's 3-0 victory against Brentford. The attacking midfielder — the first under-16 player to feature in the Premier League — had to get changed into his kit in a separate room at the Gtech Community Stadium to comply with child-protection rules before joining his team-mates in the dressing room for Mikel Arteta's pre-match talk. He had one touch of the ball when he made a tackle after coming on in second-half stoppage time. Wearing the No 83 shirt, Nwaneri

broke a record which was held by Derek Forster, who was aged 15 years and 184 days when he appeared for Sunderland in August 1964. In the Premier League era, Harvey Elliott was previously the youngest player, aged 16 years and 30 days when he came on for Fulham against Wolverhampton Wanderers in 2019. Injuries in Arsenal's squad meant that Nwaneri, who was born eight months after Emirates Stadium opened, was told he would train with the first team on Saturday. He joined them at the team hotel having been taken out of the Under-21 squad who drew with Wolverhampton Wanderers the same day. There was no pre-match pep talk from Arteta. "Those things, it is better not to tell them," the Arsenal manager said. "Just throw him there and see what happens. I told him on Saturday I want him to experience the hotel and preparation, be around the boys, and that if he is going to be on the bench, you have to be ready." From 14, Nwaneri has been playing

Jesus, far right, celebrates scoring Arsenal's second goal with Saka

laughing stock

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Saliba's flicked header loops in off the far post for his second goal of the season

unleashed at 15 years and 181 days

through the age groups at Arsenal and he scored on his debut for the Under-18 side in a 6-1 win against Reading in May last year. He made his debut in the Premier League 2 this month and has represented England at Under-16 and 17 level.

"It was a pure gut feeling, I met the boy and really liked what I saw," Arteta said. "He has trained a couple of times with us. I had that feeling on Saturday that if the opportunity could come that I was going to do it, and I just did it."

Nwaneri, pronounced "Yanieri", joined Arsenal aged nine. He is classed as a schoolboy and will not get a scholarship until the age of 16, and has been tracked by Manchester City, United and Liverpool, which could be one reason why Arteta chose to throw him in. Granit Xhaka, the Arsenal midfielder, has taken Nwaneri under his wing.

"He's a creative player who needs to play with his gut feeling and his instinct," Arteta said. "We need to create as many scenarios as possible

SETTING NEW RECORDS
Youngest top-flight players
Ethan Nwaneri *Arsenal*
Sept 2022: 15 years, 181 days
Derek Forster *Sunderland*
August 1964: 15 years, 184 days
Ray Parry *Bolton*
October 1951: 15 years, 267 days
Glyn Pardoe *Man City*
April 1962: 15 years, 314 days
Harvey Elliott *Fulham*
May 2019: 16 years, 30 days

for him to put his talent to the service of the team. But what I like as well is the way he competes. The way he went about the ugly part of the game, I was really impressed."

Nwaneri came on in the closing moments yesterday

Nwaneri became Arsenal's youngest player in any competition, a record which was previously held by Cesc Fàbregas, who was 16 years and 177 days when he played in a League Cup third-round tie in 2003.

He will soon return to St John's Prep and Senior School in Enfield, but first he will be with England Under-17s at a tournament in Poland, having boarded a flight last night. "It's another step, another experience, and all steps are not going to be forward," Arteta warned. "After this, maybe he needs three backwards to go another forward."

Arteta said Arsenal were motivated by the desire to return to the top, having been displaced by City on Saturday. "Yesterday, I was so annoyed because we lost it and we used that to want to get back there," he said.



TONY CASCARINO



Weekend talking points

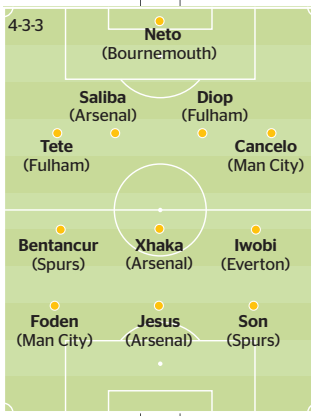
Dominant display was perfect imitation of City

■ If I hadn't known that it was Mikel Arteta's Arsenal playing against Brentford then I would have thought I was watching Pep Guardiola's Manchester City. That's the most 'City-like' performance I've seen from Arsenal since Arteta took charge. In all areas of life success is copied, and Arsenal won the ball back quickly, passed with pace and produced clinical finishing — just like City do.

They were also brilliant in defence as Gabriel and William Saliba didn't give Ivan Toney a kick. Arteta will want to tie Saliba to a long-term deal pretty soon.

I know he has been away on loan but he's only really playing this year so Saliba has been like a new signing, and with Gabriel Jesus and Fabio Vieira scoring too it was a clean sweep of new stars on the scoresheet. Terry Venables once said to me if you bring in five new players but only one or two work out, you'll struggle. But if all five click then you can compete for the title. Arsenal's business has been great. The next test is winning big games like City do and it doesn't get much bigger than the North London derby in two weeks' time when they host Tottenham.

TEAM OF THE WEEK



But no worries for Frank

■ Arsenal's performance was, in some ways, a huge compliment to Thomas Frank and Brentford. They had clearly worked hard on shutting down the home side and that illustrates the impact Brentford have had on the Premier League. They won't face many teams with the intensity and effectiveness of this Arsenal side in form.

No need to beat the first man — he's the target!

■ How many times do we hear "beat the first man" from fans, pundits and players?

Well, with all the headed goals being scored at the near post this season, perhaps it's no longer a fair criticism. Eric Dier scored one for Tottenham — who conceded one against Sporting in the Champions League — and then William Saliba flicked a corner in off the far post in Arsenal's win.

The delivery has been superb on all these crosses — in fact deliveries have really improved this season and it's something I'm sure we'll be talking about later in the season.

Directing these type of headers, at pace, is such a skill. I loved the art of heading and it was my trade, but flicked headers are such a difficult task — too much on the ball and you ruin the delivery. It's become a major threat this season.

West Ham problems are embodied by Rice form

■ There are plenty of things to worry West Ham fans right know and Declan Rice's form is a real concern. They were poor yesterday and it has been telling that their captain has struggled too.

At the end of last season, and in the summer, we were debating whether he was worth £100 million or more, but now he looks a long way short of the player who was being linked with Manchester City.

He's never going to be a statistics man with lots of assists and goals but he normally takes the game by the scruff of the neck, especially when West Ham need him most.

Alex Iwobi was the best central midfielder on the pitch at Everton; he was the one who looked to take control and dictate the play.

With Calvin Phillips injured Rice's form is a worry for England, two months before the World Cup.

Inexperience may push Southampton to relegation

■ Southampton have a young and inexperienced side. New signings like the goalkeeper Gavin Bazunu and centre back Armel Bella-Kotchap are both 20 and there's not a lot of top-flight experience around them. Sometimes this approach can work but if the kids don't perform it can affect senior professionals too. Players like James Ward-Prowse and Ché Adams (27 and 26 respectively) start to think "maybe we're not good enough as a team" and confidence can drop. I experienced it at various clubs — young stars can be a huge boost in energy but they can cause

concern at times. I think Southampton may struggle this season. If I was forced to pick early contenders for relegation places I'd go for Southampton, Nottingham Forest and Bournemouth.

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Clinical Maupay gives Lampard timely lift-off

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RATINGS

Everton (4-3-3): A Begovic 7 – N Patterson 7, C Coady 7, J Tarkowski 7, V Mykolenko 6 – A Onana 6, I Gueye 6, A Iwobi 7 – D Gray 7 (A Doucoure 81min), N Maupay 7 (S Rondón 89), A Gordon 6 (D McNeil 75). Booked Coady, McNeil, Gordon.

West Ham (4-2-3-1): L Fabianski 6 – V Coufal 6, K Zouma 6, T Kehrer 6, A Cresswell 6 (Emerson 90+3) – D Rice 6, T Soucek 6 – J Bowen 7, L Paquetá 5 (S Benrahma 61, 6), P Fornals 5 (M Cornet 61, 6) – M Antonio 5 (G Scamacca 70, 6). Booked Scamacca.

Referee M Oliver.

Attendance 39,298.

PAUL JOYCE



Northern Football Correspondent

at Goodison Park

Frank Lampard has drawn encouragement that a new Everton has been emerging in recent weeks, only for results to force him to keep his counsel. Finally, he has proof to back up his belief.

A first win of the season owed everything to an excellent finish from Neal Maupay which was largely out of keeping with the majority of a contest which was high on perspiration and low on inspiration.

Lampard will care little about that, or that the finale became a little nervous. Rather, the Everton manager will view this an important step forward in the development of his side who are now unbeaten in five matches and up to 13th in the table. His lap around Goodison Park at the final whistle illustrated as much.

In contrast, David Moyes departed his former club with West Ham United in the relegation zone — only in 1973-74 has the club had fewer points at this stage of a top-flight campaign — and desperately searching for a more potent formula.

West Ham came close to claiming a point when Saïd Benrahma, the substitute, hit the post from distance but Moyes will know they were only enlivened by their opponents taking the lead and the substitutions made by Moyes as they chased an equaliser. The £51.3million club-record signing, Lucas Paquetá, was among those hauled off.

That roll of the dice had followed the breakthrough, which arrived in the 53rd minute. Demarai Gray threaded a pass to find Alex Iwobi's forward dart beyond claret and blue shirts and he then fed Maupay.

He took a touch to control the ball, which sat up invitingly on the edge of the penalty area. Maupay swivelled and, with Thilo Kehrer standing off



Maupay's performance earns him an arm around the shoulder from Lampard

him, thumped a drive beyond Lukasz Fabianski in a blur.

Maupay has now scored in all three of his Premier League starts against West Ham and, in the continued absence of Dominic Calvert-Lewin who will be back from injury after the international break, the recent signing from Brighton & Hove Albion has thrown himself into the task of spearheading the attack.

He combined work rate with, on this occasion, the clinical edge that had been missing previously when a lack of options left players having to fill unfamiliar positions.

Concerns over Everton's attack will remain, but this moment brings the prospect of lift-off. "It is a win we feel in-house we have deserved," Lampard said. "The spirit is growing and the work and application is big, but you need a result to show for it."

"We are 13th now and can we move in an upward direction. There is so much work on that front, but it was massive for us to get a win."

Lampard said before the game that the rate of personnel change from his first Premier League match in charge in February had been vast. Only Gray and Anthony Gordon from the defeat away to Newcastle United — Jordan Pickford's thigh injury meant that Asmir Begovic deputised in goal — were in the starting XI and a fresh team is trying to forge an understanding and identity.

The fundamentals are evident. Everton are performing with intensity and tenacity while also showing a Musketeer spirit, epitomised in the eighth minute when Jarrod Bowen wriggled too easily away from Vitalii Mykolenko on the right. A low cross from the England winger demanded a touch from a team-mate, but it was Conor Coady who made sure he reached the ball before Michail Antonio to bail out his colleague.

Coady's arrival from Wolverhampton Wanderers on loan remains one of the strangest transfers of the summer and that he was deemed surplus to requirements at Molineux is a mistake. He was captain

for the day and his influence alongside James Tarkowski at the heart of the defence means Everton are made of sterner stuff, as their first back-to-back clean sheets since May 2021 testify.

Last season they conceded 22 set-piece goals — the most in the top flight — but they have let in only one this campaign with Lampard crediting Ashley Cole, the coach, with helping oversee an overdue improvement.

Indeed, West Ham won the corresponding fixture last term from a corner, but despite mustering 14 here only once, when Tomas Soucek flashed a header from Aaron Cresswell's centre across the face of goal, did they look like delivering on those opportunities.

That was rather symptomatic of the overall performance from Moyes's side, whose lack of punch means they have scored just three league goals in seven matches.

The manager's response to falling behind was to send on Maxwel Cornet and Benrahma for Pablo Fornals and Paquetá. Gianluca Scamacca would later replace Antonio. That three of his most attack-minded players departed highlighted an afternoon of struggle, with only Bowen initially able to conjure moments of menace.

The Brazilian midfielder Paquetá, in particular, will find the glare of the spotlight unforgiving given his status having arrived for big money from Lyon but he is adapting to a new league as part of a team that is lacking the spark of recent seasons.

Benrahma's chance came after Idrissa Gueye was dispossessed by Soucek just inside the Everton half and he strode forward and curled a left-footed effort from 22 yards. Begovic was unmoved and relieved to see the ball thud against the woodwork. Soon after he repelled a fierce Cornet drive.

Moyes will not panic as he has been in this situation before, and he should be confident that better times lie ahead. Lampard has that same conviction, too.



Key players are letting me down, says angry Moyes

PAUL JOYCE

David Moyes accused West Ham United's established players of letting him down after a tame defeat by Everton left them in the relegation zone. Moyes did not disguise his disappointment at an insipid performance, with his team only showing signs of rousing themselves after falling behind to Neal Maupay's decisive strike for Everton.

West Ham have scored only three Premier League goals this season and the new club-record signing, Lucas Paquetá, was among those substituted. "We didn't get a result. I don't think we deserved one because we didn't do enough," Moyes said.

"We had a game [in the Europa Conference League] on Thursday night, so you have to take that into consideration, and we are trying to put new players in, get the best out of them and find out a bit about them. But today I found out little bits, mainly about the players I already knew about. They were the ones in the main who let me down. They are down on their level."

West Ham finished sixth and seventh in the past two seasons, but

Moyes suggested that he saw signs of a rot setting in over the closing months of the previous campaign.

"We felt we were dropping down last season," the West Ham manager said. "I recognised it in February that we weren't quite as strong, but the truth was we got to a European semi-final [in the Europa League] and we were challenging until the last 20 minutes of the season for sixth place."

"We weren't dropping away that far, but I could sense we were needing new players. A lot of those players I am talking about played today. I need them to play at their best. I take responsibility for that and I have to get them back to that level quickly."

Moyes said the club needed to adjust to a shift in its ambitions.

"We are trying to keep up with the top six whereas for a long time we were trying to keep out the bottom six," he said. "We have tried to sign players who will go on to be top players — German, Brazilian and Italian internationals. I am trying to get a level of player who can compete against the top teams. Our attacking play in the first half — I don't know how many wrong decisions we made, how many passes we gave away, but it was as high as I have known it."

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Everton have won more PL games (28) and scored more PL goals (89) against West Ham than they have vs any other opponent

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With four points from seven games (W1 D1 L5), West Ham have made their worst start to a PL season since 2016-17 (also four points)

Maupay gives himself room to fire the only goal of the game past Kehrer

Brighton land Juventus target De Zerbi as new head coach

GARY JACOB

Brighton & Hove Albion have appointed Roberto De Zerbi as their new head coach on a four-year contract, succeeding Graham Potter. De Zerbi, 43, travelled to Sussex to watch a behind-closed-doors friendly at the Amex Stadium on Saturday and finalised terms on his contract with Tony Bloom, the club's chairman, last night.

The Italian will be in charge for the club's next match, away to Liverpool in the Premier League on October 1, subject to obtaining a work permit. "I am absolutely thrilled Roberto has agreed to become our new head coach," Bloom said. "Roberto's teams play an exciting and courageous brand of football and I am confident his style and tactical approach will suit our existing squad superbly."

Brighton said they felt De Zerbi was the right "cultural and technical fit". He was a free agent having left Shakhtar Donetsk in July after a year in charge. The team were top of the league when it was suspended due to the Russian invasion of Ukraine. He also won a domestic cup.

De Zerbi met Bloom, the chief executive Paul Barber and the technical director David Weir in London last week. Barber, who is also deputy chairman, said: "We looked at a range of excellent candidates but Roberto was our No 1 choice from the start and the only person we spoke to. It's no secret

our chairman is constantly monitoring potential coaches, both here, throughout Europe and across the world as part of our succession planning work. We feel Roberto is the ideal cultural and technical fit and the right person to continue the club's progress and work with this outstanding group of players."

De Zerbi made his name as a coach with Sassuolo in Serie A, playing a 4-3-3 system and leading them to consecutive eighth-place finishes, narrowly missing out on European qualification to Roma on goal difference in 2021.

A former attacking midfielder who played for 11 different clubs in Italy, he began his coaching career with Darfo Boario, an amateur club, and spent two years at Foggia in the third tier. He then had three months in charge of Palermo in 2016 and a stint at Benevento after their promotion from Serie B in 2017.

Over the weekend he had emerged as a possible alternative if Juventus had decided to part company with Massimiliano Allegri after a poor start to the campaign.

Brighton are fourth in the Premier League after a fine start under Potter, who took charge at Chelsea this month having spent three years on the south coast. Brighton also explored a list which included

Celtic's Ange Postecoglou, Kjetil Knutsen, of Bodo/Glimt, Feyenoord's Arne Slot, Abel Ferreira of Palmeiras, and Jorge Sampaoli, who left Marseille in July.

£215m spent – but Howe is still relying on Wilson

Newcastle United 1
Isak 67 (pen)

Bournemouth 1
Billing 62

RATINGS

Newcastle (4-3-3): N Pope 6 – K Trippier 8, F Schar 6, D Burn 7, M Targett 7 – J Willock 6, B Guimarães 7 (S Longstaff 72min), Joelinton 6 – M Almirón 6 (C Wood 90), A Isak 6, R Fraser 6 (J Murphy 72). Booked Joelinton, Burn.
Bournemouth (4-3-3): Neto 7 – A Smith 7, C Mepham 7, M Senesi 6, J Zemura 8 – J Lerma 6, L Cook 7 – M Tavernier 7 (J Anthony 80), P Billing 7 (J Stephens 90+3), R Christie 7 (J Stacey 87) – D Solanke 6 (K Moore 90+3). Booked Christie, Tavernier.
Referee C Pawson.
Attendance 52,238.

MARTIN HARDY

NORTHERN SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

The Newcastle United forward Callum Wilson will return for the club's next game against Fulham and, after only scoring two open-play goals in their four league games without him, the news will come as a welcome relief for Eddie Howe.

Wilson, who suffered a hamstring injury against Manchester City on August 21, will be back after the international break. The club record signing, Alexander Isak, has scored twice since joining the club – including the penalty emphatically dispatched to earn a point at home to Bournemouth on Saturday – but

goals from elsewhere have been in short supply.

Wilson, 30, has not given up hope of making Gareth Southgate's squad for the World Cup finals in Qatar, despite the inclusion of the Brentford forward Ivan Toney for England's games against Italy on Friday and Germany three days later. His return is timely, given that Howe has admitted his side are struggling, on a run of six games without a win in the Premier League, although they have also only lost once in that period.

The challenge for Howe will be to find a way to combine Wilson with Isak, the £60 million signing from Real Sociedad who moved to St James' Park five days before the transfer window closed. "Alex is a versatile player, and he can play in a slightly deeper role as well," Howe said of the Sweden forward, 22.

Newcastle have spent £215 million in two transfer windows yet the team still lack vision and creativity at times. Howe was fairly downbeat in his post-game appraisal, admitting that there is a lot of work to be done.

Bournemouth, unbeaten since their 9-0 defeat by Liverpool, led in the 62nd minute when Philip Billing poked in a cross by Jordan Zemura and deserved their draw. Gary O'Neil, the caretaker manager, remains in an uncertain position, with the knowledge that the club could be sold to a Las Vegas-led consortium at any moment. "I have no idea if I will be in charge [next week], no clue," he said.

Real win Madrid derby sullied by racist chants

Real Madrid beat their rivals Atletico Madrid 2-1 last night in a La Liga game marred by ugly racist chants and missiles thrown at Real's Brazil forward Vinicius Júnior.

A large group of Atletico fans were filmed outside the Wanda Metropolitano stadium before the game chanting, "You are a monkey, Vinicius, you are a monkey." The hostility had been sparked by the player's dancing goal celebration the previous weekend, which was criticised on Spanish TV by Pedro Bravo, the head of the Spanish football agents' association. He caused a furore by saying the player needed to stop "acting the monkey". Bravo subsequently apologised, saying he used the phrase "figuratively".

Vinicius and Real both issued statements condemning his words, with the club threatening legal action. Some of Vinicius's fellow Brazil players also strongly supported him on social media. Before last night's match Atletico captain Koke, when asked about the likely reaction should the Brazilian score and then dance, said there would be "trouble for sure".

Vinicius did not score but when Rodrygo broke the deadlock after 18 minutes, both celebrated by dancing near a corner flag, and fans threw missiles at the pair. Federico Valverde also scored to give Real victory.

of Saturday's Scottish Premiership fixtures. A minute's silence at Ibrox was disrupted by Dundee United supporters, with boos and chants, including one heard coming from the corner of the stadium housing several hundred United supporters before Rangers played *God Save the King*.

United later said they had "reached out to advise our supporters with the expectation that the minute's silence would be observed". There were similar reactions before Hibernian's game against Aberdeen at Easter Road, where chants were audible.

In England, tributes were generally observed respectfully, although there were some boos before Everton played West Ham United at Goodison Park.



Celtic supporters express their feelings with banners during yesterday's game

ANTI-QUEEN CHANTS BY CELTIC AND DUNDEE UNITED FANS

Celtic supporters chanted throughout a minute's applause in memory of the Queen before their Scottish Premiership game against St Mirren in Paisley yesterday.

Some visiting fans shouted: "If you hate the royal family clap your hands," while a banner containing the same phrase could be seen in the away end. Ange Postecoglou, the Celtic manager, had expressed the wish that fans be "respectful". The Glasgow club became the subject of Uefa disciplinary proceedings after supporters displayed a "F*** the Crown" banner during Wednesday's Champions League draw with Shakhtar Donetsk in Poland. There were disruptions to tributes at some

Will Rodgers and Cooper survive the next fortnight?

Struggling Leicester City and Nottingham Forest meet in their next game, but who'll be in dugouts? By **Charlotte Duncker**

HOW BAD HAS IT GOT?

Brendan Rodgers: Bottom and with one point from their opening seven games, it couldn't really have gone much worse for Leicester City. They are on a run of six consecutive league defeats, making it their worst start to a season since 1983-84. They have conceded 22 goals, including six against Tottenham Hotspur on Saturday and five away to Brighton & Hove Albion in the match before that.

Steve Cooper: Since an impressive home win against West Ham United, the results have not gone to plan for Nottingham Forest. They dropped two points after a late equaliser from Everton, but of most concern will be their past two home defeats by Bournemouth and Fulham.

In the matches against their fellow promoted teams they had the lead — including a two-goal cushion against Bournemouth — only to lose 3-2 on both occasions. If Forest are going to stay up those are the sort of games, especially at home, they need to win.

SHOULD THEY BE SACKED?

Rodgers: It is not only the defeats but the manner of them that makes the argument for sacking Rodgers strong. Against Brentford, where Leicester earned their one point of the season, they were 2-0 up at home only to squander their advantage. Against Arsenal in their next game, when they scored and looked to be getting back into it, they conceded again quickly, throwing away any chance of getting a result. Against Southampton at home, they again threw away a lead and the performance away to Brighton was one of their worst in recent history. Defensively they appear to be regressing and confidence is in short supply, though Rodgers's past achievements at the club he guided to the FA Cup last year may buy him some time.

Cooper: Forest's owners spent just shy of £150 million on transfers this summer, signing 22 new players, and the expectation is that not only will their team stay up but that they will compete in the league. So far they have shown glimpses of quality, but there has been little to suggest they won't get dragged into a relegation battle. Some of Cooper's game management can be debated and the manner in which they have thrown away points in these opening seven

matches is a concern, but the reality is that he is trying to manage a squad of relative strangers while competing in a league he has never managed in before. It is an unenviable task.

CASE FOR THE DEFENCE?

Rodgers: It has been well documented, and repeatedly pointed out by Rodgers, that he was not given financial backing to strengthen in the window. Wout Faes, who arrived from Reims for £15 million, was the only outfield addition and that came after the departure of Wesley Fofana, who was sold to Chelsea for £75 million. The departure of Kasper Schmeichel to Nice has also had an impact, on and off the pitch.

Cooper: It is nearly a year since he took over and Forest were rooted to the bottom of the Championship. The 42-year-old deserved all the credit he received for getting the club back into the top flight after 23 years and he has not become a bad manager overnight. He is having to adapt to 20 new signings (two went straight out on loan) and iron out issues that most managers can sort in pre-season. There is no cohesiveness and Cooper has a big task to sort that out. The international break, at least, gives him some time to go back to the drawing board.

HOW IS IT LIKELY TO PLAY OUT?

Rodgers: The 49-year-old, who took charge at Leicester in 2019, admitted after the 6-2 defeat by Tottenham that he is hanging by a thread. "I'm not daft — I know football," Rodgers said. "Losing the last six games doesn't make great reading." Rodgers has three years left on his contract, which means he would be in line for a large payoff if Leicester were to sack him. However, if the threat of relegation becomes even more real, then the club's owners may decide it is worth the outlay.

Cooper: With the way Forest's billionaire owner, Evangelos Marinakis, operates nothing would be a surprise when it comes to Cooper's future. The club have been keen for him to sign a new contract but, while Cooper is happy at the City Ground, he does not believe there is any rush to do so, even though his present deal expires at the end of the season. But with the Greek owner determined for Forest to continue in the Premier League, and with Marinakis's history of sacking managers — he also owns Olympiacos and yesterday dismissed their coach Carlos Corberán after only six weeks in charge — nobody is safe, even Cooper, despite everything he did for the club last season. Marinakis has sacked five managers in less than five years at Forest. Will he be making it six with Cooper? Results will need to improve very quickly for those doubts about Cooper to disappear.

Rodgers, top, and Cooper have had poor starts to the season



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22 City are unbeaten in 22 away games in the Premier League (W16 D6), the longest away unbeaten run in the club's league history

Foden rounds off the City scoring before switching his attentions to England duty

Pep trusts Foden –

HENRY WINTER

Chief Football Writer at Molineux



Phil Foden has always been a special talent — fêted and appreciated from a young age — but slightly lost amid all the understandable euphoria over Erling Haaland's goals, Kevin De Bruyne's assists and Jack Grealish's gradual imposing of his gifts at Manchester City has been the further development in Foden's game. It is a development of huge significance for England as well as City.

Foden's performance did not feature prominently on the list of debating points after the champions' 3-0 win at Molineux on Saturday, partly because the focus was elsewhere, but it needs proper recognition. It was far from Foden's most eye-catching performance for City, beyond an exquisite goal, but it did signal what an intelligent, effective performer he is maturing into. Young players' form inevitably fluctuates, and Foden was slightly off the pace earlier in the season, according to Pep Guardiola, but what he always offers is work ethic.

There is a good reason why Guardiola has started Foden in all

Wolves

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Manchester City

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Grealish 1, Haaland 16, Foden 69

RATINGS

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City's Premier League games this season. He is always involved. Saturday was so much more than the sublime finish to mark a half-century of goals for club and country (48 for City, two for England). Yet even that goal, City's third, was slightly overlooked given the focus on Grealish and Haaland. Foden actually accelerated a majestic move, which involved Ederson and all outfield players apart from Grealish.

Foden was on the right and passed the ball inside to De Bruyne before racing into the Wolverhampton Wanderers area and targeting the space between Max Kilman and

Rúben Neves. He checked his run like a serial goal-poacher, causing Neves to slow, then accelerated into the yard of space he created to meet De Bruyne's cross to the near post. Foden's finish was pure finesse, steering the ball with his right foot past Jose Sá.

There was so much to Foden's display beyond this. In the run-up to Grealish's opener, Foden knew that he had to expose the Wolves left back, Rayan Ait-Nouri, to open space for De Bruyne to run into. Foden took five touches with his left foot, drawing Ait-Nouri, then turned downfield and back-heeled the ball for De Bruyne to set up Grealish's goal.

He's such a team player. It was also his industry in joining City's right back, John Stones, in pressing the Wolves left flank, the pair overwhelming Gonçalo Guedes at one point and keeping Ait-Nouri deep. Slight of frame, Foden is tough physically and mentally. He put in one hard (but fair) tackle to prise the ball from Pedro Neto. It was also his understanding of the game, and team requirements, in dropping back and covering when Stones ventured forward. Foden slotted in at right back for 20 seconds, keeping the shape. Would Riyad Mahrez do that?

Guardiola clearly trusts Foden. He has already played 179 times for City, won the title on four occasions and

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Phillips may need surgery

Pep Guardiola believes Kalvin Phillips needs surgery on a recurring shoulder injury that could cast doubt on his World Cup hopes (Charlotte Duncker writes).

The Manchester City manager confirmed after their win against Wolverhampton Wanderers, from which the midfielder was absent, that Phillips, inset, has a problem with his shoulder and has been forced to pull out of England's fixtures next week against Italy and Germany.

The club will decide in the coming days whether the injury, his second shoulder problem of the season, will require surgery, which would be a blow to not only Phillips and Guardiola but also Gareth Southgate, with the England manager set to

name his squad for the finals in Qatar on October 20 – little more than a month before England's opening game.

"We need him because Rodri cannot play all the games, Kalvin came to fight for that position and sometimes you need two

have surgery." Surgery was discussed when Phillips first experienced the issue at Leeds. But after two flare-ups this summer, going under the knife looks a much likelier prospect.

Phillips was one of Southgate's standout players at the European Championship last summer and while surgery would not definitely rule him out of the World Cup, he would face a race to be fit in time.

City paid £42 million for Phillips but he has only played 14 minutes this season after picking up three injuries since his arrival. Guardiola would not put a time frame on how long he expected the midfielder to be out for. "I don't know, I am not a doctor," he said. "The doctor says the only solution right now is to do what we have to do."

holding midfielders to be more defensive," Guardiola said of the midfielder, 26, who was signed from Leeds United in the summer.

"I think he needs it [surgery]. Every time he's out because of this, and the doctors say if it's three or four times out then the only solution is to



Reborn Son has Spurs yearning for 'huge' derby

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Referee S Hooper.	
Attendance 61,450.	

TOM ALLNUTT

After 664 minutes without a goal, Son Heung-min took 13 minutes to score three. His spectacular cameo earned him the match ball, a man-of-the-match award and turned what had been a back-and-forth contest at the Tottenham Hotspur Stadium into a thrashing. Most of all, it brought a collective sigh of relief.

This was the same Son who had gone eight games without scoring, six in the Premier League and two in the Champions League, and looked almost unrecognisable from the striker who rattled in 23 goals last season to finish joint-top scorer alongside Mohamed Salah. Nobody doubted that he would come good, least of all Antonio Conte, who had, until this game against Leicester City, refused to drop the South Korean, even as Richarlison and Dejan Kulusevski were both turning in more convincing performances.

But Son's struggles were still a concern; for Conte, who knows that if Spurs are to get anywhere close to Manchester City this season, they will need both Son and Harry Kane at their devastating best; and for the Tottenham fans, who hold him in such high esteem that he ranks second only to Kane in their affections. Son, who was on his longest goal drought since 2018, was worried too.

"I was born loving football and I'm still loving football but when you go home you take with you many things," he said. "I'm an attacking player, so if I don't score how can I be happy? I can't be happy if I have unbelievable opportunities to score goals or make chances. If I don't score and I'm happy, probably I wouldn't be here."

"Sometimes even if we win, I'm still sad because of my performance, or where I can do better, how I can do better, the mistakes I make or the chances I miss. I'm always thinking about football because this is how I made it here."

With the game stretched in the second half and Leicester only a goal behind at 3-2, the Italian turned to his substitutes. First, Son replaced Richarlison and then Yves Bissouma came on for Kulusevski, the extra man in midfield giving Tottenham the control they had previously lacked.

Notwithstanding their wealth of options up front, it raises the interesting possibility of Conte using 3-5-2 more in the future.

Son was roared onto the pitch by the crowd, who were willing him to make the contest his own. They didn't have long to wait as he skipped away on the break, twisted clear from Wout Faes and curled a shot into the top corner. As pandemonium erupted in the stands, Son stood still. "I couldn't move," he said. "I was so emotional with myself. I didn't know what to do. Just stand still, look at the sky, look at the crowd. In my head, all my family came into my mind. All the staff, all my team-mates, all the supporters. That's why I stood there and then just had a moment to think."

At full-time, having added two more goals, he was hoisted into the air by Hugo Lloris and embraced by Eric Dier. "Everyone is really happy for him," Dier said. "To get a hat-trick, hopefully the floodgates open now for him." Son also shared a long hug with Gian Piero Ventrone, the fitness coach who caused the 30-year-old to collapse in pre-season after making the players run 42 lengths of the pitch.

"He's a killer," Son said. "But I have a really good relationship with Gian Piero. He's been so helpful, giving me hugs even in tough times, just like in great times. He's always been next to me at every stop. Even today before we left the training ground, we had a couple of minutes, a nice conversation, and that made me feel more comfortable."

Son, who is only the seventh substitute to score a hat-trick in the Premier League, accepts his incredible return last season means there is now more scrutiny on his form. "Sometimes [when] you achieve so many amazing things people are going to give you more attention but that's what I'm here for, to do better and to learn things," he said. "In these tough moments I learned so many lessons and had really good people around me to help me."

His resurgence is timely, with Tottenham up against Arsenal at the Emirates after the international break. Son has four goals in his past five north London derbies and it seems unthinkable Conte could now leave him out, meaning Kulusevski and Richarlison will fight for the third spot up front

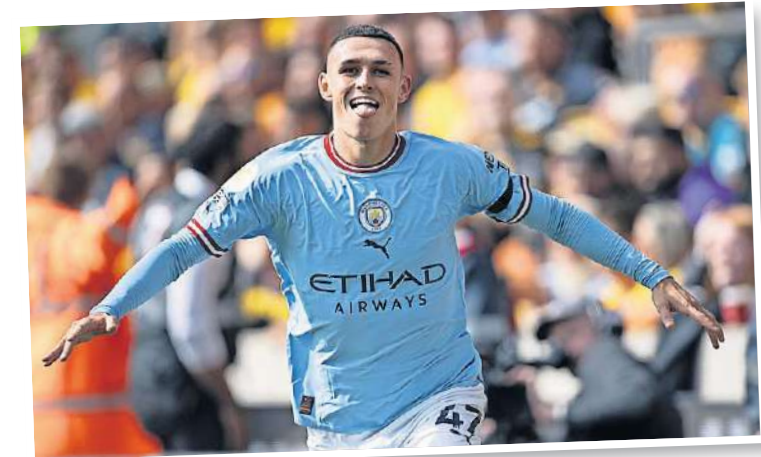
next to Kane. Asked if the extra competition has created more pressure to perform, Son said: "We are team-mates so why should we feel the pressure? They are good players and if they play well, it's a good thing for the team. Competition makes you better. I am happy for those players."

Despite some patchy performances, Tottenham remain unbeaten after seven Premier League games and the derby will carry some extra spice after Conte's team pipped Arsenal to Champions League qualification on the final day of last season. "We know it's a huge game," Davinson Sánchez, the Spurs defender, said. "A victory would be a big step forward for us."

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Son is the first Spurs player to score a Premier League hat-trick as a substitute and the seventh in the competition

even at right back



Foden has been used in a variety of roles by Guardiola, who values his versatility

played in a Champions League final, and he's still only 22. With England, Foden was a world champion as an under-17, already has 16 senior caps, and will go to the World Cup.

At this rate of progress, Foden will travel to Qatar in good form. What we are seeing is Guardiola, the master teacher, continuing to develop Foden, the eager pupil. Guardiola moves Foden around positionally, which must be a nightmare for opposing scouts preparing reports.

Guardiola has played him centrally, utilising his passing strengths, vision and hunger for a tackle. The manager

has played Foden as a No10, from where he uses his close control under pressure to thread through passes. He has played him as a false nine (last season), knowing that Foden's movement and toughness will create chances and space.

At Molineux, Guardiola started Foden on the right. He is more familiar with the left but Guardiola clearly wants to give Grealish a run of games, and he knows that Foden is versatile and willing. He just wants to play.

He is home-grown, talented and driven. He rarely wastes the ball, a

vital trait for Guardiola. There was one missed chance to find Haaland here but otherwise Foden was judicious in his passing. He doesn't sulk and made an impact when replacing Mahrez after 58 minutes against Borussia Dortmund on Wednesday. He picks up the pace and rhythm of a game quickly. He even seems to be using his right foot more

So as City continue to flourish, and Foden's education moves to honours level, England benefit. Lucky Gareth Southgate. Foden reports to St George's Park this week to prepare for the Nations League games with Italy and Germany as an even more effective force than when Southgate last worked with him, giving him only 22 minutes with England losing against Hungary at Molineux in June. A front three of Harry Kane flanked by Foden and Raheem Sterling looks to be the best-balanced attack. Bukayo Saka has many admirers and is quicker than Foden, but the City man offers the killer pass which Kane and Sterling will benefit from, especially if drifting inside.

The concern, as with any young talent, is over-playing. Foden played 52 times for club and country last season, and 59 the season before. Guardiola and Southgate will be mindful of that. Foden has a special talent that needs protecting as well as nurturing.

More opening-day blues for Hayes

MOLLY HUDSON

The WSL champions Chelsea lost their opening game for the second season in a row as newly promoted Liverpool came from behind to record a remarkable 2-1 victory in a game where all three goals were scored from the penalty spot.

Fran Kirby gave Chelsea the lead in the third minute, coolly slotting home a penalty after Gilly Flaherty, who signed from West Ham United in the summer, was adjudged to have fouled Guro Reiten.

Chelsea cruised through the rest of the first half at Tranmere's Prenton Park under the watchful eye of the club's new president of business, Tom Glick, and board member Barbara Charone. But Liverpool stunned Emma Hayes's side with a second-half fightback — propelled by the long throw of the substitute Megan Campbell.

The former Manchester City defender's delivery caused trouble in the Chelsea area, and Millie Bright handled in her attempts to clear. Katie Stengel coolly converted the resulting penalty, and suddenly, cheered on by a vocal crowd, Liverpool

believed they could do the unthinkable and beat the side looking to win a fourth WSL title in a row.

So often in those seasons, Chelsea have found a way to grasp victory from the jaws of defeat. This time, however, the opposite happened. Stengel, impressive on her WSL debut, broke into the area and was brought down by Kadeisha Buchanan, who looked to have got a slight touch on the ball but not before scything down the Liverpool forward. Stengel stepped up again and converted the spot kick, then

Stengel celebrates after scoring her first penalty



ANDREW YATES/SPORTIMAGE

Daly, on her debut, slots in her second goal — and Villa's fourth — against City

the home side showed plenty of steel to see out seven minutes of stoppage time and seal a famous victory.

Chelsea also lost their opening game of last season, away to Arsenal, before going on to win the league. Hayes, the Chelsea manager, said: "Congratulations to Liverpool. They sit in, stifle, counter, and they did that well without threatening. I don't think we could hit a barn door today. In the second half it got stretched. I've been here before and we chalk it off and go again."

Stengel, the American forward, revealed what was going through her mind as she stepped up to the spot in front of 3,000 fans. "Please don't miss, all these people here will make fun of me if I miss," the 30-year-old said.

A disjointed Manchester City also suffered an opening-weekend defeat as Rachel Daly scored twice in a thrilling 4-3 win for Aston Villa.

Carla Ward, the Villa manager, laughed when asked during the week where her new signing would play. Daly, the former Houston Dash utility player, appeared in the summer's European Championship as a left back for England but played in the

National Women's Soccer League as a striker. "Make no bones about it, she comes in as a forward for us," Ward said. "Rachel Daly is not a defender, not anywhere near Aston Villa."

Ward was proved correct as Daly, 30, showed a striker's instinct with her two finishes, one from a corner that City failed to clear, before a tap-in after an Ellie Roeubuck fumble.

While Daly embodies Villa's savvy recruitment which they hope will make them a comfortable mid-table side, City's performance reflected a turbulent summer. They lost several key players, including their entire first-choice midfield, and despite

signing seven replacements, only one started the defeat.

Manchester United excelled in a 4-0 win against Reading. The Spanish pair Ona Batlle and Lucía García were impressive for the home team, who made light of the departure of Jackie Groenen on the eve of the season to Paris-Saint Germain.

Arsenal also won their opening game 4-0 on Friday against Brighton & Hove Albion. The squad depth of the title-challengers was evident with eight full internationals on the bench and Beth Mead seamlessly continuing the form that won her the Golden Boot at the Euros with two goals.

WINTER'S WEEKEND WONDERS

Spurs boss vindicated, 'Kammy' feels the love and the youngest player in top-flight history



Bournemouth's O'Neil enhances reputation

1 Gary O'Neil. Bournemouth's caretaker manager seems so embedded in the managerial world that he's already complaining about VAR decisions like a veteran of the dugout. Other contenders are deemed more likely to take the long-term role but O'Neil deserves huge praise for the way he has dealt with the fallout from Scott Parker's dismissal by steering Bournemouth to five points from a possible nine, including a deserved draw away to Newcastle United on Saturday, although he was indebted to his Brazilian keeper Neto. O'Neil has brought stability to the club at a time of uncertainty on and off the field.

Wellens has Orient flying in League Two

2 Richie Wellens. Few would have predicted in pre-season that Barrow v Leyton Orient would be a League Two top-of-the-table match ten games in, yet so it is that Wellens's front-running Orient head to Pete Wild's second-placed Barrow next Saturday. Wellens, 42, has steered Orient four points clear at the top of the table, with eight wins and a draw from their nine matches so far. The team is playing good football, and Wellens is bringing the best out of George Moncur and giving a chance to the 20-year-old defender, Jayden Sweeney. Wellens's innate enthusiasm shines through in the way that his team plays.



Kamara tribute at Middlesbrough is timely

3 Chris Kamara. "You're not a fraud. You're Unbelievable Kammy." This was how Middlesbrough fans showed love for one of their own with a banner during their draw with Rotherham United. Kamara, a local lad, has apraxia and is a proud man, always clean-shaven and smartly

dressed, but now conscious of losing words and saying he feels a "fraud" as a broadcaster. It's important that Kamara knows how loved he is, how much he contributes to fans' and viewers' enjoyment and understanding of the game. And that is why this show of faith was so timely and important. "Kammy" is adored locally and nationally.

Conte has Son shining

4 Antonio Conte. The Spurs head coach has been hailed for his "inspired" decision to bench Son Heung-min and then unleash him. It was more intelligent than inspired. It was carefully thought through by Conte. It's all about what's best for the team. Dejan Kulusevski and Richarlison have been in better form. Conte will also have known that Son is such a professional that he wouldn't sulk and would respond, as he did with a hat-trick against Leicester City.

Arsenal's new talent

5 Ethan Nwaneri. The latest talent from Arsenal's academy to step up to the first team is so young that he wasn't even born when the Emirates opened. The 15-year-old became the youngest player in top-flight history and, though he played only a minute away to Brentford with the game long won, Mikel Arteta clearly believes in the attacking midfield player simply to have him training with the first team, let alone playing Premier League matches.

POSTCARDS FROM THE PYRAMID

Kit Shepard and Ian Whittell on the biggest stories from the EFL each weekend

Mowbray’s faith in youth reaps reward

With their history in the Premier League, a 49,000-capacity stadium and a highly respected head coach at this level in Tony Mowbray, it is difficult to imagine Sunderland as underdogs in any Sky Bet Championship game.

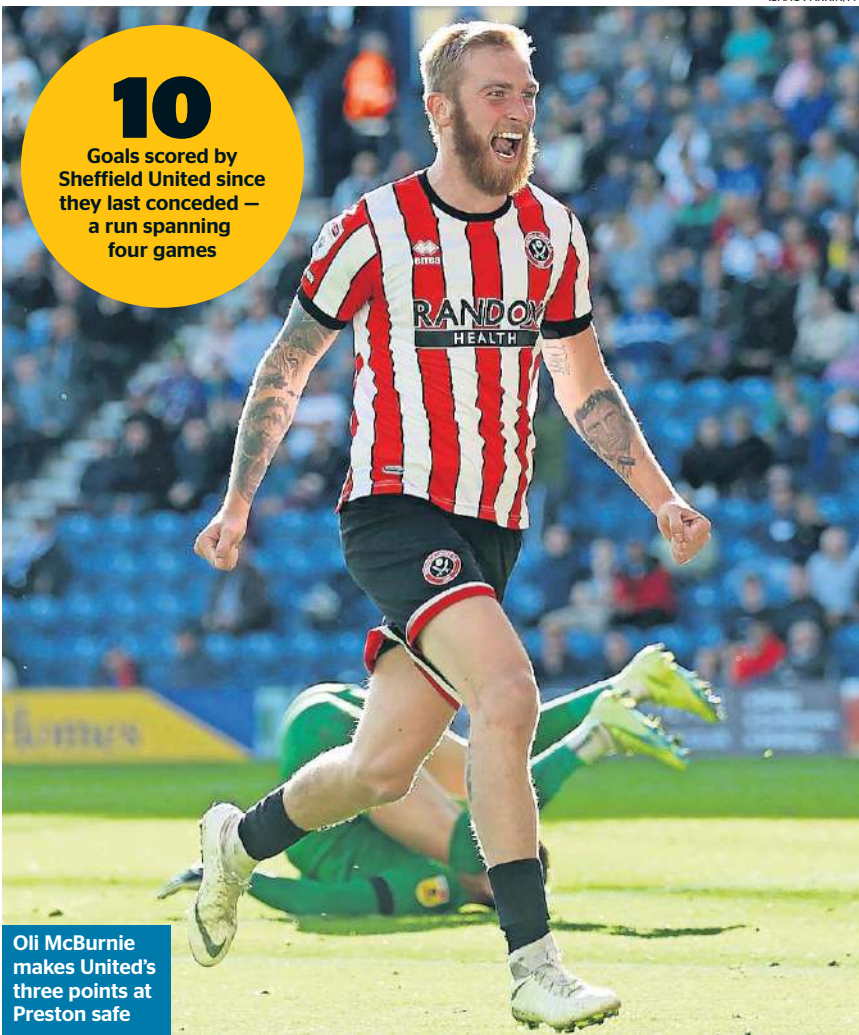
Yet after coming from behind twice to draw 2-2 away to Watford, Mowbray suggested that his side had sprung a surprise. “Watford were in the Premier League last year while we were in League One,” he said. “We knew this was a tough game because of [Watford’s] individual quality. But that does not mean we accept that we are going to get beaten.”

Unsurprisingly, the manager with more than 650 games of experience was correct in his assessment. The clubs were indeed separated by two divisions last season and Sunderland’s wild celebrations after Jewison Bennette scored an 87th-minute equaliser at Vicarage Road, reflected that.

Mowbray, who replaced Alex Neil on Wearside last month, is enjoying watching young players like Bennette develop. The 18-year-old Costa Rica winger was making his second Sunderland appearance but was an inspired substitution, controlling a Patrick Roberts cross at the back post and smashing home unmarked.

None of Mowbray’s five substitutes were older than 21. Amad Diallo, the 20-year-old Manchester United loanee, is excellent with both feet and only let himself down with his 15 second-long celebration of Jack Clarke’s disallowed goal. Elsewhere, Abdoullah Ba, 19, came on for his Sunderland debut.

“I wouldn’t be putting them on if I didn’t believe they could make a difference,” Mowbray said. “I don’t have a big stick and beat them if they make a mistake. I’m there to help.” Indeed, Watford easily had the more established playing personnel. Even



with Ismaïla Sarr injured, they had a forward who has garnered significant Premier League interest in João Pedro. Hamza Choudhury, on loan from Leicester City, was imposing in central midfield.

Keinan Davis came in for Sarr, and the Aston Villa loanee marked his first start for Watford by opening the scoring after Anthony Patterson palmed Hassane Kamara’s cross into his path.

Sunderland, without Ross Stewart and Ellis Simms, lacked a focal point up front and could not replicate the dazzling football on show away to Reading on Wednesday, when video of their counterattacking third goal in

United over heartache

A fourth consecutive victory for Sheffield United, and a third away from home, confirmed their status as the team to beat in the Championship’s race for automatic promotion.

Paul Heckingbottom’s side are three points clear at the top and five ahead of third-placed Reading after a hard-earned 2-0 victory away to Preston North End.

For Oliver Norwood, the Sheffield United midfielder, the good form is a continuation of last season. Heckingbottom was appointed last November, and his side subsequently lost only five of their final 27 league games before Nottingham Forest beat them on penalties in the play-off semi-finals.

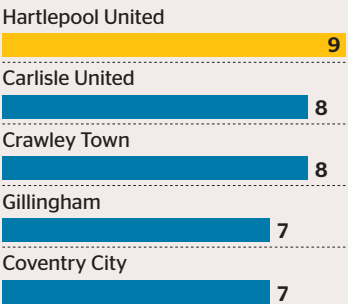
“It’s not just ten games, it’s been nine or ten months that we’ve been brilliant,” Norwood said.

“At the time losing in the play-offs was heart-breaking, gut-wrenching and it was a tough summer. But when we came back it was forgotten about.

“There is no point hiding from it. Our target is to get promoted.”

A NEW LEADER

After Burton Albion ended 13 league games without an away victory, which EFL clubs have the longest winless runs on their travels?



a 3-0 win went viral. Still, they found a way. Aji Alese’s equaliser just before half-time was a timely moment for the 21-year-old to score his first senior goal. Although the lead was restored when Luke O’Nien, an academy product, headed into the wrong net, the home side were punished for their hesitant approach in the last 25 minutes.

“I can’t fault the effort and commitment,” Rob Edwards, the Watford head coach, said. “When we’ve got the ascendancy and the crowd are with us, we need to drive it home.” Watford have one win in seven league games and sit tenth, five places below Sunderland.

Mowbray, though, does not have promotion on his mind. Forging relationships and, as he repeatedly emphasised, getting his foreign players to learn English are his main priorities. “You have to create a culture with your players. They have to feel that you care about their lives,” the 58-year-old said. “I am an emotional coach. I want them to feel that I’m there for them and that I’m going to take them on a journey.”

Morison sacked by Cardiff

Cardiff City have sacked their manager Steve Morison after their 1-0 loss away to Huddersfield Town on Saturday. The defeat by the Yorkshire club, themselves without a permanent manager, means Cardiff have won one of their past seven games and sit 18th in the Sky Bet Championship.

A club statement read: “We’d like to thank Steve for his efforts, stabilising the first team last season and helping to evolve our squad in line with the club’s philosophy this summer.”

Mark Hudson, the first team coach, and Tom Ramasut, the assistant

manager, will take interim charge. Morison, 39, took over in a caretaker capacity last October, before being given the role permanently. He guided Cardiff to safety last season and signed a new contract in March, but has struggled this campaign despite 17 new signings.

Two clubs in League Two sacked their managers yesterday. Hartlepool United dismissed Paul Hartley, who took over in the summer but failed to win any of his nine league games in charge, while Colchester United parted company with Wayne Brown.

Moore’s anger at missile throwers

Sheffield Wednesday’s last-minute equaliser in a thrilling 2-2 draw against the League One leaders Ipswich Town almost never happened, after the referee threatened to abandon the game when missiles were thrown onto the pitch at Hillsborough.

The FA could yet investigate the incident, depending on the contents of Peter Wright’s post-match report.

“He said if another object was thrown on the pitch he was going to abandon the game for the safety of everybody,” the Wednesday manager, Darren Moore, said. “We have got to adhere to the rules. We know that objects being thrown onto the pitch is something that you don’t do.

“It is something that we can all learn from today.

“He did warn me and Kieran [McKenna, the Ipswich manager] that he would take the teams off and abandon the game, which would have been an absolute catastrophe for us as a football club being the home team.”

McKenna saw his team miss out on the opportunity to open up a gap on second-placed Portsmouth, with whom they are level on points, as Michael Smith’s equaliser earned a point for Wednesday.

‘Stag do’ vibe lifts Barrow

Barrow, 53 years after their previous season in the third tier, have made a good start in their bid to return there in one of the EFL’s feel-good stories so far this season.

A 530-mile round trip to Newport County ended with the Cumbrian club winning 2-0 to stay second in League Two.

It concluded a week in which the manager, Pete Wild, signed a new contract to add to the air of positivity around one of English football’s more geographically remote outposts. “It has been a great week. If Carlsberg

did weeks, I think this would be it.” Wild joked. “On the bus drive down, you’d have thought we were going on a stag do because of the camaraderie and the unity in the group.

“There was a game of cards on Friday night, which involved most of the staff and the players, and it went on for two hours. That just shows the togetherness and if they’re like that off the pitch it shows on the pitch.”

That cohesion will be tested next Saturday, when Barrow host Leyton Orient, the league leaders, who beat Walsall 1-0 at home on Saturday.

Barton’s comedy defence

Joey Barton, the Bristol Rovers manager, channelled the days of silent movies to analyse his injury-depleted team’s 6-3 home defeat by Lincoln City in League One, with Jack Diamond scoring a hat-trick for the away team.

Injuries and suspensions forced Barton to name a much-changed back line and he admitted that his tactical approach was misguided, although some comedy defending was also a contributory factor.

“It was tough,” Barton said. “We’re coming in at half-time and I don’t

know how we’re behind in the game. It was a *Keystone Cops* moment before the break, we kick it into one of our players and put one of their lads through.

“I’m proud of the players, I really am. They kept trying to get on the ball and create opportunities. They were brave and I will take responsibility for the team shape and the fact we were so porous there.”

Diamond, 22, on loan from Sunderland, displayed the clinical forward play his parent club could use with top scorer Ross Stewart injured.

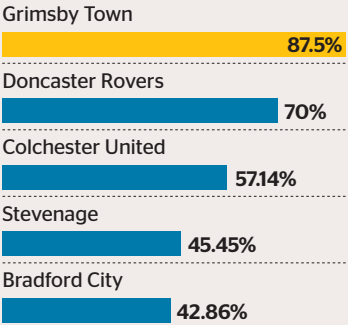
Byram happy to take break

Sam Byram earned Norwich City a point in a 1-1 draw against struggling West Bromwich Albion but he was honest enough to admit that he knew little about it as Teemu Pukki’s goal-bound shot struck him. In fact, the defender confessed he was trying to avoid the ball.

“I’m not sure where it hit me,” Byram, 29, said. “I was trying to get out the way of it, but I’ll take it. And if it helps us get a point on a poor day, then they all count.”

GRIMSBY’S SECOND WIND

Highest percentage of goals scored after the 60th minute, League Two



Premier League

	P	HOME					AWAY					GD	Pts
		W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A		
► 1 Arsenal	7	3	0	0	8	4	3	0	1	9	3	10	18
► 2 Man City	7	3	0	0	14	2	2	2	0	9	4	17	17
► 3 Tottenham	7	4	0	0	13	4	1	2	0	5	3	11	17
► 4 Brighton	6	2	1	0	6	2	2	0	1	5	3	6	13
► 5 Man Utd	6	2	0	1	6	4	2	0	1	2	4	0	12
▲ 6 Fulham	7	2	1	0	7	5	1	1	2	5	6	1	11
▼ 7 Chelsea	6	2	1	0	6	4	1	0	2	2	5	-1	10
▼ 8 Liverpool	6	2	1	0	12	2	0	2	1	3	4	9	9
▼ 9 Brentford	7	2	1	1	10	6	0	2	1	5	6	3	9
▲ 10 Newcastle	7	1	3	0	6	4	0	2	1	2	3	1	8
▼ 11 Leeds	6	2	1	0	6	2	0	1	2	4	8	0	8
▲ 12 Bournemouth	7	1	1	1	2	3	1	1	2	4	16	-13	8
▲ 13 Everton	7	1	2	1	2	2	0	2	1	3	4	-1	7
▼ 14 Southampton	7	1	1	1	4	4	1	0	3	3	7	-4	7
▲ 15 Aston Villa	7	2	1	1	4	3	0	0	3	2	7	-4	7
▼ 16 Crystal Palace	6	1	1	1	4	4	0	2	1	3	5	-2	6
▼ 17 Wolves	7	1	2	1	2	4	0	1	2	1	3	-4	6
► 18 West Ham	7	0	1	2	1	5	1	0	3	2	4	-6	4
► 19 Nottingham Forest	7	1	0	3	5	8	0	1	2	1	9	-11	4
► 20 Leicester	7	0	1	2	3	5	0	0	4	7	17	-12	1

Sky Bet Championship

	P	HOME					AWAY					GD	Pts
		W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A		
► 1 Sheffield United	10	4	0	0	11	1	3	2	1	8	4	14	23
► 2 Norwich	10	4	2	0	12	5	2	0	2	4	4	7	20
► 3 Reading	10	4	0	1	8	5	2	0	3	2	9	-4	18
▲ 4 Burnley	10	2	3	0	9	6	2	2	1	8	4	7	17
▲ 5 Sunderland	10	1	2	1	6	4	3	1	2	10	7	5	15
▲ 6 QPR	10	2	2	1	7	5	2	1	2	7	6	3	15
► 7 Blackburn	10	3	0	2	7	5	2	0	3	4	8	-2	15
▲ 8 Rotherham	9	3	2	0	11	2	0	3	1	1	4	6	14
▼ 9 Bristol City	10	3	0	1	8	3	1	2	3	11	13	3	14
▼ 10 Watford	10	3	1	1	8	6	0	4	1	3	5	0	14
▲ 11 Luton Town	10	1	3	2	6	6	2	1	1	5	4	1	13
▲ 12 Wigan	9	0	3	2	3	8	3	1	0	6	3	-2	13
▲ 13 Millwall	10	4	0	2	9	6	0	1	3	2	8	-3	13
▲ 14 Stoke	10	1	2	1	5	4	2	1	3	6	7	0	12
▼ 15 Preston	10	0	4	2	1	4	2	2	0	2	0	-1	12
▲ 16 Swansea	10	2	1	3	6	8	1	2	1	4	4	-2	12
▲ 17 Birmingham	10	1	2	2	4	5	2	1	2	4	5	-2	12
▲ 18 Cardiff	10	2	1	1	3	2	1	1	4	4	9	-4	11
▼ 19 Blackpool	10	1	1	2	4	5	2	1	3	6	10	-5	11
▼ 20 Hull	10	3	0	2	7	9	0	2	3	4	12	-10	11
▼ 21 West Brom	10	1	3	1	9	7	0	4	1	6	7	1	10
▼ 22 Middlesbrough	10	2	3	1	8	7	0	1	3	5	8	-2	10
► 23 Huddersfield	9	2	1	3	7	7	0	0	3	2	6	-4	7
► 24 Coventry	7	0	0	1	0	1	0	3	3	7	12	-6	3

Sky Bet League One

	P	HOME					AWAY					GD	Pts
		W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A		
► 1 Ipswich	9	2	2	0	8	3	4	1	0	10	3	12	21
► 2 Portsmouth	9	3	2	0	11	5	3	1	0	8	3	11	21
► 3 Plymouth	9	4	0	0	6	0	2	1	2	10	11	5	19
► 4 Sheffield Wed	9	2	2	1	11	7	3	0	1	6	2	8	17
▲ 5 Bolton	9	4	0	1	8	3	1	2	1	3	3	5	17
▲ 6 Barnsley	9	2	1	1	5	4	2	1	2	8	5	4	14
▲ 7 Derby	9	4	0	1	9	6	0	2	2	0	3	0	14
▲ 8 Lincoln City	9	1	3	0	6	4	2	1	2	8	10	0	13
▼ 9 Cambridge United	9	4	0	1	9	7	0	1	3	3	8	-3	13
▼ 10 Peterborough	9	3	0	1	9	1	1	0	4	5	9	4	12
▲ 11 Fleetwood Town	9	1	4	0	4	3	1	2	1	5	5	1	12
▲ 12 Shrewsbury	9	1	1	2	3	6	2	2	1	6	4	-1	12
▲ 13 Port Vale	9	2	2	1	6	5	1	1	2	4	7	-2	12
▼ 14 Charlton	9	2	2	0	8	3	0	3	2	5	8	2	11
▼ 15 Exeter City	9	3	0	2	8	4	0	2	2	4	6	2	11
▼ 16 Wycombe	9	2	1	1	6	3	1	1	3	6	9	0	11
► 17 Accrington Stanley	9	1	3	1	7	8	1	1	2	3	4	-2	10
► 18 MK Dons	9	1	1	2	3	5	2	0	3	6	6	-2	10
▼ 19 Oxford United	9	2	1	2	6	6	1	0	3	2	4	-2	10
▲ 20 Cheltenham	9	1	0	3	5	8	1	2	2	3	4	-4	8
▼ 21 Bristol Rovers	9	1	2	2	8	11	1	0	3	5	8	-6	8
▼ 22 Forest Green Rovers	9	1	0	4	4	10	1	2	1	4	8	-10	8
► 23 Morecambe	9	0	2	2	1	8	1	2	2	5	8	-10	7
► 24 Burton Albion	9	0	0	4	0	9	1	1	3	10	13	-12	4

Sky Bet League Two

	P	HOME					AWAY					GD	Pts
		W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A		
► 1 Leyton Orient	9	5	0	0	10	2	3	1	0	6	2	12	25
▲ 2 Barrow	9	4	0	0	8	3	3	0	2	7	6	6	21
► 3 Northampton	9	4	0	1	11	5	2	2	0	8	5	9	20
▼ 4 Stevenage	9	4	0	0	6	2	2	1	2	5	7	2	19
▲ 5 Bradford	9	3	2	0	7	1	2	0	2	7	6	7	17
▼ 6 Salford City	9	3	1	1	8	3	2	1	1	5	4	6	17
► 7 Mansfield Town	9	3	1	0	8	3	2	0	3	6	6	5	16
▲ 8 Grimsby Town	8	0	3	0	2	2	4	0	1	6	3	3	15
▲ 9 Crewe	9	3	1	1	8	4	1	2	1	3	5	2	15
▲ 10 Sutton United	9	4	1	0	8	3	0	1	3	3	6	2	14
▲ 11 Swindon	9	2	2	0	7	3	1	3	1	3	5	2	14
▼ 12 Doncaster	9	3	0	2	7	7	1	2	1	3	4	-1	14
▼ 13 Carlisle	8	3	2	0	8	5	0	2	1	2	3	2	13
▲ 14 Tranmere	9	2	0	2	7	4	1	1	3	2	5	0	10
▼ 15 Walsall	9	1	2	1	7	4	1	1	3	3	5	1	9
▲ 16 Stockport County	9	2	2	1	5	4	0	0	4	5	9	-3	8
▼ 17 AFC Wimbledon	9	1	1	2	4	5	1	1	3	5	8	-4	8
▲ 18 Harrogate Town	9	1	1	2	3	5	1	1	3	3	6	-5	8
▼ 19 Newport County	9	1	0	4	4	9	1	1	2	5	4	-4	7
▲ 20 Crawley Town	9	1	0	3	5	8	0	3	2	3	5	-5	6
▼ 21 Colchester	9	1	2	2	4	6	0	1	3	3	7	-6	6
▼ 22 Gillingham	9	1	2	2	1	4	0	1	3	1	7	-9	6
► 23 Hartlepool	9	0	3	1	2	4	0	1	4	4	13	-11	4
► 24 Rochdale	9	0	1	3	2	5	0	1	4	3	11	-11	2

Game in numbers

Bill Edgar on the statistics arising from this weekend's action, including goals galore, scoring substitutes and the Potter-Neil principle

Higher and higher

The average of 2.96 goals per Premier League game this season is more than in any full top-flight campaign since 1967-68; and the average attendance of 40,011 is higher than in any top division season since the league's formation in 1888. The two most goal-laden fixtures in top-flight history (with a minimum of 80 matches played) were both contested this weekend and produced a combined 11 goals: Manchester City beat Wolverhampton Wanderers 3-0 to leave their average at a record 3.92 goals per meeting; Tottenham Hotspur defeated Leicester City 6-2 to push their average up to 3.74 goals per game. In the past five years Manchester City have scored 509 more goals than Newcastle United in all competitions.

Six of the worst

Leicester scored a sixth-minute opener but then conceded six times to suffer their sixth league defeat in a

row, leaving them bottom of the table six years after they were crowned champions. It was the sixth time since May 2018 that Tottenham have conceded first in a Premier League game before scoring five or more goals themselves — no other team has performed that feat more than twice in that period.

Having struck in the first minute when losing 5-2 to Brighton & Hove Albion in their previous game, Leicester are the first team in the Premier League era to score first but concede five or more goals in successive matches; they are also the first since Wimbledon in October 1996 to take the lead but concede an equaliser by the tenth minute in consecutive games.

Super-sub Son

Tottenham's Son Heung-min recorded only the eighth hat-trick by a substitute in the top flight, none of which has been scored by an English player: the first was by West Ham United's Frank McAvennie against

Son's hat-trick as a sub was the first to include VAR intervention

Results

Premier League Aston Villa 1 Southampton 0 Ramsey 41 Nott'm Forest 2 Fulham 3 Awoniyi 11 O'Brien 77 Adarabioyo 54 Palhinha 57, Reed 60 Brentford 0 Arsenal 3 Saliba 17 Jesus 28 Vieira 49 Everton 1 West Ham 0 Maupay 53 Newcastle 1 Bournemouth 1 Isak 67 (pen) 52,238 Billing 62 Tottenham 6 Leicester 2 Kane 8 Dier 21 Bentancur 47 Son 73, 84, 86 Wolves 0 Manchester City 3 Sent off: Collins 33 31,578 Grealish 1 Haaland 16 Foden 69 Sky Bet Championship Birmingham 0 Coventry 0 16,633 Sent off: Hamer 89 Burnley 2 Bristol City 1 Manuel 4 Rodriguez 67 Wells 27 Huddersfield 1 Cardiff 0 Rhodes 8 19,193 Luton 2 Blackburn 0 Morris 58 Burke 67 9,839 Middlesbrough 0 Rotherham 0 22,960 Millwall 2 Blackpool 1 Grimshaw (og) 14 Afobe 63 Norwich 1 West Brom 1 Byram 68 26,303 O'Shea 9	Preston 0 18,412 Ndiaye 40 McBurnie 75 QPR 0 14,174 Stoke 0 Manning 61 Cundle 64 Piroe 85 Swansea 3 Hull 0 15,207 Watford 2 Sunderland 2 Davis 34 O'Nien (og) 62 19,767 Alese 45 Bennette 87 Wigan 0 10,113 Ince 63 League One Accrington 1 Cheltenham 0 McConville 1 Bolton 1 Peterborough 0 Afolayan 86 17,016 Bristol Rovers 3 Lincoln City 6 Collins 18, 65 Loft 59 8,078 House 7, 61 Diamond 14 (pen), 45+1, 56 Virtue 51 Cambridge United 0 Barnsley 3 6,138 Cole 24 Cundy 76 Norwood 90+1 Sent off: Kitching 68 Derby 2 Wycombe 1 Hourihane 72, 86 24,784 Mehmeti 15 Exeter 0 Burton Albion 2 6,185 Oshilaja 63 Keillor-Dunn 69 Fleetwood Town 1 Charlton 1 Morton 30 Leaburn 77 Forest Grn Rovers 1 Morecambe 2 Wickham 30 2,601 Phillips 44 Rawson 90+3 Oxford United 1 MK Dons 2 Mousinho 89 8,141 Smith 44 Grigg 84 (pen)	Port Vale 2 Harrison 9, 90+1 7,403 Shrewsbury 1 Saydee 19 Portsmouth 2 Koroma 41 Hackett-Fairchild 90+4 19,009 Ennis 79 Sent off: Galloway 90+3 Sheffield Wednesday 2 Byers 75 Smith 89 26,281 Jackson 4 Iorfa (og) 71 League Two Bradford 3 Stevenage 0 Cook 6, 56 Wright 62 Sent off: Halliday 89 Carlisle 2 AFC Wimbledon 1 Guy 45 Dennis 81 Assal 59 5,038 Colchester 0 Grimsby 1 3,167 Clifton 63 Crewe 1 Crawley Town 0 Baker-Richardson 73 3,717 Doncaster 0 Swindon 1 6,446 Wakeling 59 Gillingham 0 Mansfield Town 2 4,195 Akins 17 Lapslie 33 Leyton Orient 1 Walsall 0 Beckles 58 6,736 Newport County 0 Barrow 2 3,793 Gordon 45, 59 (pen) Northampton 3 Rochdale 0 Guthrie 42 Hoskins 73, 81 Salford City 0 Tranmere 1 3,175 Hawkes 34 Stockport 0 Har
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FOOTBALL’S STAYING HOME

English football’s strong connection with the distant past is underlined by the fact that almost half of the present 92 league clubs have occupied their ground for at least 100 years. Only 11 clubs moved to their current home between 1922 and 1990, since when there has been a wave of new stadiums built.

Moved to present home in 19th century

1. Preston (Deepdale) 1881

2. Burnley (Turf Moor) 1883

3. Ipswich (Portman Road) 1884

4. Barnsley (Oakwell) 1887

5. Sheff Utd (Bramall Lane) 1889

6. Wolves (Molineux) 1889

7. Blackburn (Ewood Park) 1890

8. Everton (Goodison Park) 1892

9. Liverpool (Anfield) 1892

10. Newcastle (St James’ Park) 1892

11. Gillingham (Priestfield Stadium) 1893

12. Lincoln (LNER Stadium) 1895

13. Fulham (Craven Cottage) 1896

14. Swindon (County Ground) 1896

15. Aston Villa (Villa Park) 1897

16. Nottm Forest (City Ground) 1898

17. Portsmouth (Fratton Park) 1899

18. Sheff Wed (Hillsborough) 1899

19. Grimsby (Blundell Park) 1899

20. Blackpool (Bloomfield Road) 1899
46. Cambridge (Abbey Stadium) 1932

47. Cheltenham (Completely-Suzuki Stadium) 1932

48. Fleetwood (Highbury Stadium) 1934

49. Peterborough (Weston Homes Stadium) 1934

50. Norwich (Carrow Road) 1935

51. Leyton Orient (Brisbane Road) 1937

52. Port Vale (Vale Park) 1950

53. Accrington (Wham Stadium) 1968

54. Salford (Peninsula Stadium) 1978

55. Stevenage (Lamex Stadium) 1980

Moved to present home in 20th century

21. West Brom (The Hawthorns) 1900

22. Plymouth (Home Park) 1901

23. Stockport (Edgeley Park) 1902

24. Bradford (University of Bradford Stadium) 1903

25. Bristol City (Ashton Gate) 1904

26. Exeter (St James Park) 1904

27. Chelsea (Stamford Bridge) 1905

28. Luton (Kenilworth Road) 1905

29. Birmingham (St Andrew’s) 1906

30. Crewe (Mornflake Stadium) 1906

31. Rochdale (Crown Oil Arena) 1907

32. Hartlepool (Victoria Park) 1908

33. Barrow (SO Legal Stadium) 1909

34. Carlisle (Brunton Park) 1909

35. Bournemouth (Vitality Stadium) 1910

36. Man Utd (Old Trafford) 1910

37. Sutton (VBS Community Stadium) 1912

38. Tranmere (Prenton Park) 1912

39. QPR (Loftus Road) 1917

40. Charlton (The Valley) 1919

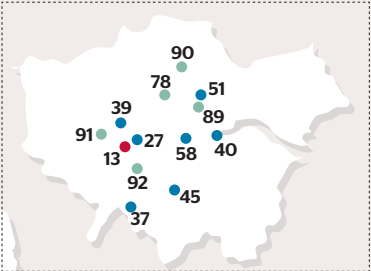
41. Leeds (Elland Road) 1919

42. Mansfield (One Call Stadium) 1919

43. Harrogate (EnviroVent Stadium) 1920

44. Watford (Vicarage Road) 1922

45. Crystal Palace (Selhurst Park) 1924



56. Walsall (Poundland Bescot Stadium) 1990

57. Wycombe (Adams Park) 1990

58. Millwall (The Den) 1993

59. Huddersfield (John Smith’s Stadium) 1994

60. Northampton (Sixfields Stadium) 1994

61. Middlesbrough (Riverside Stadium) 1995

62. Bristol Rovers (Memorial Stadium) 1996

63. Bolton (University of Bolton Stadium) 1997

64. Crawley (Broadfield Stadium) 1997

65. Derby (Pride Park) 1997

66. Stoke (Bet365 Stadium) 1997

67. Sunderland (Stadium of Light) 1997

68. Reading (Select Car Leasing Stadium) 1998

69. Wigan (DW Stadium) 1999

Moved to present home in 21st century

70. Oxford (Kassam Stadium) 2001

71. Southampton (St Mary’s Stadium) 2001

72. Leicester (King Power Stadium) 2002

73. Hull (MKM Stadium) 2003

74. Man City (Etihad Stadium) 2003

75. Burton (Pirelli Stadium) 2005

76. Coventry (Coventry Building Society Arena) 2005

77. Swansea (Swansea.com Stadium) 2005

78. Arsenal (Emirates Stadium) 2006

79. Forest Green (The Bolt New Lawn) 2006

80. Doncaster (Eco-Power Stadium) 2007

81. MK Dons (Stadium MK) 2007

82. Shrewsbury (Montgomery Waters Meadow) 2007

83. Colchester (JobServe Community Stadium) 2008

84. Cardiff (Cardiff City Stadium) 2009

85. Morecambe (Mazuma Stadium) 2010

86. Brighton (Amex Stadium) 2011

87. Newport (Rodney Parade) 2012

88. Rotherham (AESSEAL New York Stadium) 2012

89. West Ham (London Stadium) 2016

90. Tottenham (Tottenham Hotspur Stadium) 2019

91. Brentford (Gtech Community Stadium) 2020

92. Wimbledon (Cherry Red Records Stadium) 2020

Nottingham Forest in May 1992 in the final round of matches before the Premier League’s formation. Son’s treble was also the first in the Premier League to be completed by VAR intervention since the technology was introduced in 2019 (in other words, where video was used to overturn a decision and thus award the final goal of a hat-trick).

Arsenal title teaser

Arsenal’s Ethan Nwaneri yesterday edged out Sunderland goalkeeper Derek Forster (a 1964 debutant) by three days as the top flight’s youngest player at 15 years, 181 days. Arsenal have not won the title since Nwaneri was born in 2007 (they were last champions in 2004); he is the first player to appear for Arsenal since 1931 without having seen a league title for the club in his lifetime. The youngest permanent managers in the Premier League and League One both top their table: Arsenal’s Mikel Arteta (40) and Ipswich Town’s Kieran McKenna (36).

Rare runs

Nottingham Forest are the first team in the Premier League era to lose consecutive games against newly promoted sides (Bournemouth and Fulham) having led at half-time. Their next three games — against Leicester, Aston Villa and Wolves — will be the first case of a club playing three Midlands derbies in a row in the top flight since Villa did so in September 1985.

Sounds familiar

Managerial changes this season have led to Potter and O’Neil appointed in the Premier League while the Potters have replaced O’Neill with Neil in the Championship: Chelsea have acquired Graham Potter and Bournemouth Gary O’Neil (as interim) while Stoke City (the Potters) have chosen Alex Neil to succeed Michael O’Neill.

Fixtures

Sutton United	2	Hartlepool	0
Randall-Hurren 53	2,766		
Beautyman 66			

National League	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Chesterfield	9	6	3	0	19	10	9	21
Wrexham	9	6	2	1	23	8	15	20
Solihull Moors	9	5	3	1	23	10	13	18
Notts County	9	5	3	1	21	9	12	18
Boreham Wood	9	5	3	1	14	7	7	18
Wealdstone	9	4	4	1	10	7	3	16
Bromley	9	5	1	3	12	10	2	16
York	9	4	3	2	10	7	3	15
Barnet	9	4	2	3	14	12	2	14
Woking	9	4	1	4	13	10	3	13
Dorking	9	4	1	4	15	21	-6	13
Eastleigh	9	3	2	4	11	13	-2	11
Dag & Red	9	3	2	4	13	17	-4	11
Oldham	9	3	2	4	10	14	-4	11
Maidstone Utd	9	3	2	4	11	20	-9	11
Maidenhead Utd	9	3	1	5	7	11	-4	10
Southend	9	2	3	4	8	9	-1	9
Aldershot	9	1	2	6	13	16	-3	8
Yeovil	9	1	5	3	9	11	-2	8
Torquay	9	2	2	5	6	12	-6	8
FC Halifax	9	2	2	5	7	14	-7	8
Gateshead	9	1	4	4	12	15	-3	7
Scunthorpe	9	1	2	6	10	18	-8	5
Altrincham	9	0	5	4	9	19	-10	5

Aldershot	5	FC Halifax Town	1
Corder 26, 40	Dieseruvwe 37		
Glover 50	1,379		
Amaluzor 69			
Effiong 86 (pen)			

Bromley	3	Maidstone Utd	0
Sowunmi 15	3,386		
Marriott 44, 48			

D & Redbridge	4	Altrincham	1
Onariase 26	Lundstram 78		
da Silva Vilhete 34	1,162		
Barrows (og) 65			
Walker 69			

Dorking W'ders	3	Notts County	1
McShane 19, 90, 90+5	Scott 50		
2,402			

Gateshead	1	Boreham Wood	1
Hasan 15	Rees 50		
1,112			

Maidenhead Utd	1	Woking	0
Acquah 74	1,409		

Oldham	3	Eastleigh	2
Burgess 3	Whitehall 29, 38		
Fondop-Talum 64	6,637		
Wellens 89			

Scunthorpe	1	York City	1
Apter 88	John-Lewis 23 (pen)		
3,758			

Solihull Moors	1	Barnet	1
Dallas 30 (pen)	De Havilland 3		
1,407			

Southend	0	Wrexham	0
6,266			

Wealdstone	1	Torquay United	1
Browne 67	Omar 2		
1,366			

Yeovil	2	Chesterfield	2
Toure 3	Grimes 8		
Staunton 80	Uchegbulam 87		
2,672			

Scottish Premiership	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Celtic	7	6	0	1	25	3	22	18
Rangers	7	5	1	1	16	8	8	16
Hearts	7	4	1	2	13	8	5	13
Livingston	7	4	0	3	6	9	-3	12
St. Mirren	7	4	0	3	8	8	0	12
Hibernian	7	3	2	2	9	7	2	11
Aberdeen	7	3	1	3	14	10	4	10
Motherwell	7	3	1	3	7	9	-2	10
St. Johnstone	7	2	1	4	7	10	-3	7
Ross County	7	1	2	4	4	11	-7	5
Kilmarnock	7	1	1	5	3	12	-9	4
Dundee United	7	0	2	5	3	20	-17	2

Hibernian	3	Aberdeen	1
Boyle 45+1 (pen)	De Barros Lopes 4		
Campbell 62, 73	Sent off: Scales 44		
17,292			

Livingston	1	Kilmarnock	0
Montaño 25	2,253		

Motherwell	0	Hearts	3
	Shankland 17,		
	Forrest 50, 90		

Rangers	2	Dundee United	1
Colak 8, 49	Smith 59		
49,334			

St. Johnstone	0	Ross County	0
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St. Mirren	2	Celtic	0
O'Hara 43, Ayunga 53			

Scottish Championship	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Partick Thistle	7	4	2	1	16	10	6	14
Ayr United	7	4	2	1	14	10	4	14
Queen's Park	7	4	1	2	12	11	1	13
Inverness Cal This	7	3	2	2	11	9	2	11
Dundee	7	3	1	3	13	11	2	10
Raith Rovers	7	3	0	4	8	10	-2	9
Morton	7	2	2	3	6	7	-1	8
Hamilton A'cal	7	1	4	2	7	10	-3	7
Cove Rangers	7	1	2	4	9	13	-4	5
Arbroath	7	1	2	4	5	10	-5	5

Dundee	2	Inverness Cal This	3
Sweeney 12	Harper 15, 83		
McMullan 57	Mckay 45+2 (pen)		
Sent off: Sweeney 89			
4,396			

Hamilton A'cal	0	Queen's Park	2
1,472	Murray 43, Savoury 52		

Morton	1	Arbroath	2
McGrattan 90+4	Hilson 12		
Sent off: Quitongo 90+5	McKenna 40 (pen)		
1,473			

Partick Thistle	2	Cove Rangers	2
Lawless 17	Reynolds 81, 84		
Bannigan 52	2,918		

Raith Rovers	3	Ayr United	2
Connell 8	Young 51		
Stanton 35	Murdoch 69		
Brown 83	2,045		

Scottish League One	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Dunfermline At	7	4	3	0	9	2	7	15
Airdrieonians	7	4	2	1	15	8	7	14
Alloa Athletic	7	4	0	3	16	11	5	12
FC Edinburgh	7	4	0	3	15	12	3	12
Montrose	7	3	2	2	8	4	4	11
Falkirk	7	3	2	2	10	9	1	11
Queen o t South	7	2	2	3	11	12	-1	8
Clyde	7	2	1	4	12	16	-4	7
Kelty Hearts	7	1	1	5	4	13	-9	4
Peterhead	7	1	1	5	6	19	-13	4

Airdrieonians	5	Clyde	0
Jamieson 38	1,083		
McGill 66			
Smith 70, 78			
Kouider-Aïssa 89			

Alloa Athletic	2	Montrose	1
Stanger 57	Lyons 78		
Rodden 87			

Dunfermline Ath	1	Falkirk	(1) 1
Benedictus 55 (pen)	Morrison 30		
6,670			

Peterhead	2	Kelty Hearts	1
O'Keefe 6, 64	Barjonas 50		
Sent off: Kisuka 45+1			

Queen o t South	4	FC Edinburgh	1
Paton 44, 85	Shanley 90+3 (pen)		
East 77	975		
Bange 80			

Scottish League Two	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Dumbarton	7	7	0	0	15	3	12	21
Stirling Albion	7	3	2	2	12	8	4	11
East Fife	7	3	2	2	9	9	0	11
Bonnyrigg Rose	7	3	1	3	8	7	1	10
Stenhousemuir	7	3	1	3	11	13	-2	10
Annan Athletic	7	2	2	3	9	13	-4	8
Elgin City	7	1	4	2	13	14	-1	7
Forfar Athletic	7	2	1	4	8	9	-1	7
Stranraer	7	1	3	3	9	15	-6	6
Albion Rovers	7	1	2	4	6	9	-3	5

Albion Rovers	0	Forfar Athletic	2
219	Aitken 52		
	Hutton 78		

Annan Athletic	2	East Fife	2
Goss 72, 75	Shepherd 12		
318	Hooper (og) 32		

Dumbarton	1	Bonnyrigg Rose	0
Carswell 28 (pen)	709		

Stenhousemuir	3	Elgin City	3
Miller 45	Hester 16, 70		
Brown 51	Dingwall 54		
Crighton 84	383		

Stirling Albion	4	Stranraer	1
Fotheringham 5, 36	Duffy 31		
Leitch 25	506		
Carrick 42			

Leitch 25
Carrick 42

506

Women's Super League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Arsenal	1	1	0	0	4	0	3
Man Utd	1	1	0	0	4	0	3

IAN HAWKEY

European football

England face ‘trial by turncoats’ as rising stars thrive under new flags

A couple of weeks after Gareth Southgate was appointed permanent England manager, in November 2016, three would-be Lions combined for the first time in a promising midfield. The national under-15 team were playing Turkey at St George’s Park. A see-saw game needed settling. Jude Bellingham came off the bench, as did Jamal Musiala, the pair supplementing with craft and close control the guile of Yunus Musah.

It was 2-2 when the substitutes were being readied. They made a difference, Musiala scoring England’s last goal in a 5-2 win. On the bench, two days away from his debut in age-group international football, Fábio Carvalho applauded.

Six years on from the fixture, that trio will be clearing space in their diaries for a World Cup final, Musiala, Bellingham and Musah having headed to the tournament with ambitions of staying on deep into the later stages. They will not be in Qatar as team-mates, though. Their paths forked in their late teens but the potential identified in them as schoolboys blossomed, as Southgate’s England are likely to learn — face to face and a little awkwardly in two cases — over the course of their next four games.

Next Monday, after several days of listening to external pressure to centre his World Cup plans on the 19-year-old Bellingham, Southgate must pick a defence capable of containing a prodigy whose form for Bayern Munich has been the good-news story from the Bundesliga champions’ mixed start to the season: Germany’s Musiala.

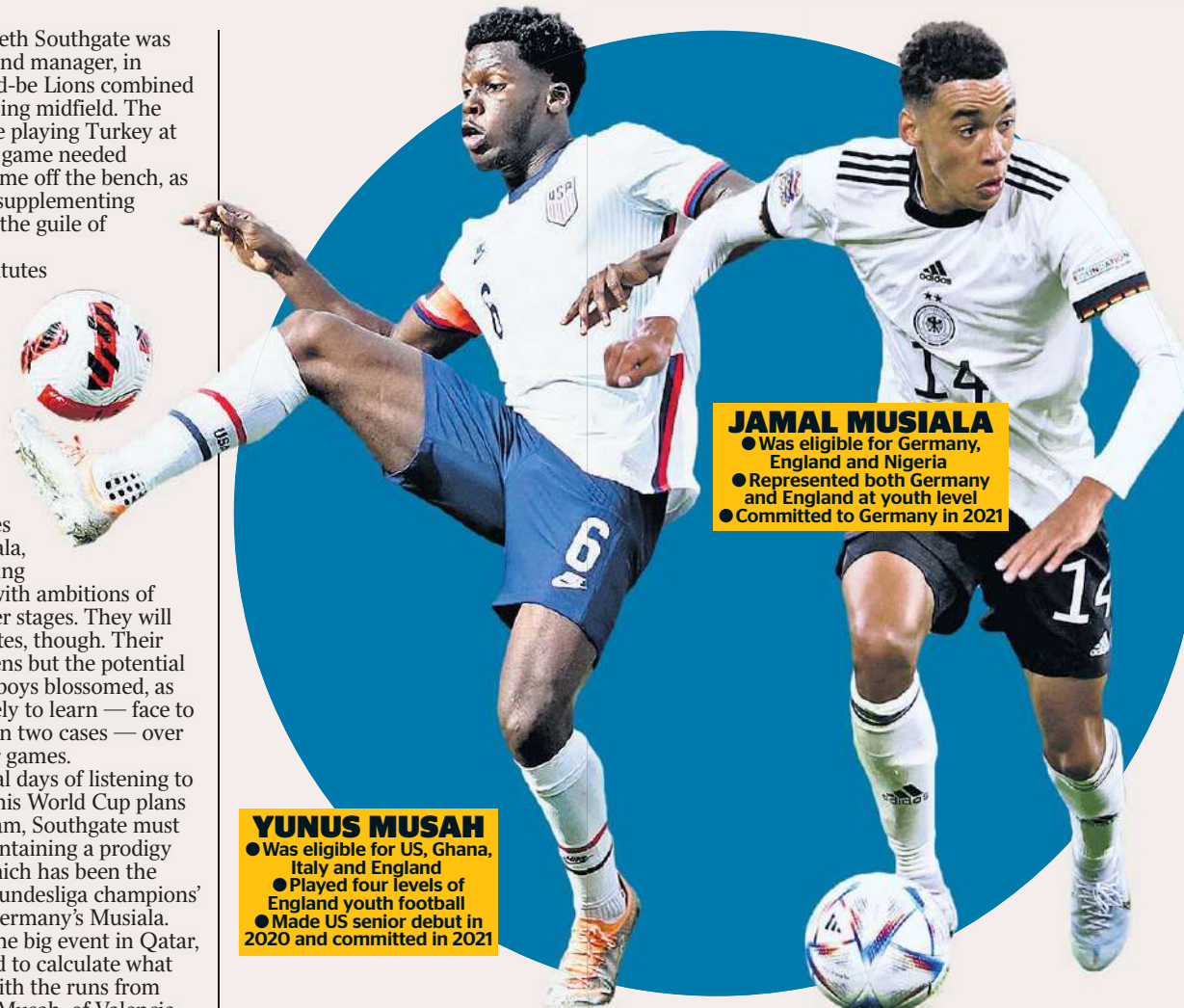
Come match day two of the big event in Qatar, England’s manager will need to calculate what sort of midfield best deals with the runs from deep of the US’s rising star: Musah, of Valencia. Emerge undamaged through that trial-by-turncoat and Southgate can then put his mind to the third group B game, and size up who are the best centre halves to marshal Kieffer Moore, one of a few Wales players with England representative caps in their back stories.

As English football congratulates itself on the pathway that has made Bellingham a superstar at Borussia Dortmund and probably the most coveted England player on the market, it cannot help but cast a whimsical eye on how highly that market also prizes some of his under-15 buddies. Two, Musiala and Musah, are lost to England’s national team; Lisbon-born, London-raised, Liverpool-cherished Carvalho, capped by Portugal Under-21 this year, could still be.

Bayern’s sporting director, Hasan Salihadmidzic, declared last month “we would not sell Musiala for €100 million,” as he watched the teenager do more than anybody to fill the goalscoring gap left by the departed Robert Lewandowski. Musiala, who spent eight years attached to Chelsea’s youth system, has eight goals in ten domestic games.

Meanwhile Valencia’s head coach, Gennaro Gattuso, reports that when he took the job this summer, “there were 20 clubs inquiring after Musah”. He felt relieved to retain the former Arsenal academy player and set about using Musah’s “strength and technique” in a more central role than he was previously used to, making him the motor of a midfield that protects possession better than any in La Liga other than Barcelona’s.

Their national coaches are as enthusiastic. The US’s Gregg Berhalter, who is allowing Musah *



JAMAL MUSIALA
● Was eligible for Germany, England and Nigeria
● Represented both Germany and England at youth level
● Committed to Germany in 2021

YUNUS MUSAH
● Was eligible for US, Ghana, Italy and England
● Played four levels of England youth football
● Made US senior debut in 2020 and committed in 2021

time to recuperate from a minor groin injury during this week’s friendlies, talks of the midfielder’s “crazy level of talent,” and was among the lobbyists persuading Musah, in 2020, to commit his senior international future to the land of his birth. The player had several options. Born in New York to Ghanaian parents, Musah settled in Italy as an infant and moved to London at the age of nine.

Stuttgart-born Musiala’s heritage is German and Nigerian, and he spent much of his childhood in Britain, largely because his mother had been studying there. Uncertainty over the implications of Brexit reportedly played a part in her returning to Germany, although by then Musiala was on Bayern’s radar. He became their youngest debutant at 17, promoted to the first team by Hansi Flick, the man who is now Germany’s manager and was a significant voice in pitching to Musiala a senior international career with his native country.

There are more like them. When England close their Nations League campaign against Germany, Flick may pair Musiala with Wolfsburg’s Lukas Nmecha, a former England Under-21 striker. Two months later, Musah might well be patrolling the US midfield in front of Celtic’s Southend-born, Tottenham Hotspur academy graduate Cameron-Carter Vickers, whose father is American.

Amid this concentration of former England hopefuls, there are the net gains — Declan Rice and Jack Grealish played age-group football for Ireland — and no strong suggestions of carelessness by the FA for the ones that got away. Retaining the loyalty of teenagers in what

is effectively a transfer market for thousands of players with legitimate dual-national status is getting harder and harder, as Fifa rules on switching allegiance have lightened, acknowledging that the 21st century is a far more transient world both for young, coveted talents and their parents.

But some think Fifa is also becoming loose in its scrutiny of international eligibility. Assuming England overcome players such as Musah and Moore sufficiently to progress to the World Cup knockout stages, they would meet the winners or runners-up from group A and, very possibly, be reminded of fresh, heated controversies. They could play Qatar, who claimed their first Asian Cup in 2019 while an appeal was being lodged by their beaten semi-final opponents, the United Arab Emirates, over the eligibility of their star striker, the Sudan-born Almoz Ali, and the defender Bassam Al-Rawi, who was born in Iran. Fifa deemed that their requirements to play for Qatar had been met.

England could also meet Ecuador, whose participation at the World Cup has been challenged by the FAs in Chile and Peru. They presented to Fifa what they said were documents and audio evidence showing that the right back Byron Castillo, who played in eight qualifiers, obtained his Ecuadorean citizenship illegally, after crossing the border from his native Colombia. Fifa dismissed the Chile-led appeal against its disciplinary panel’s decision that Castillo is eligible to play for Ecuador. Chile may take the complaint to the Court of Arbitration for Sport, with the World Cup opener, Qatar v Ecuador, only two months and a day away.

FUNNY OLD GAME

Comedian George Lewis reflects on the week’s action



■ If I had some advice for an American arriving into English football, it would be: don’t come in all guns blazing, don’t act like you know best, and certainly don’t suggest that we could learn from the way Americans do it. But Todd Boehly never phoned me.

If his idea of a Premier League North vs South All Star game didn’t rub people up the wrong way, the way he suggested it did. He said: “Ultimately I hope the Premier League takes a little bit of a lesson from American sports.”

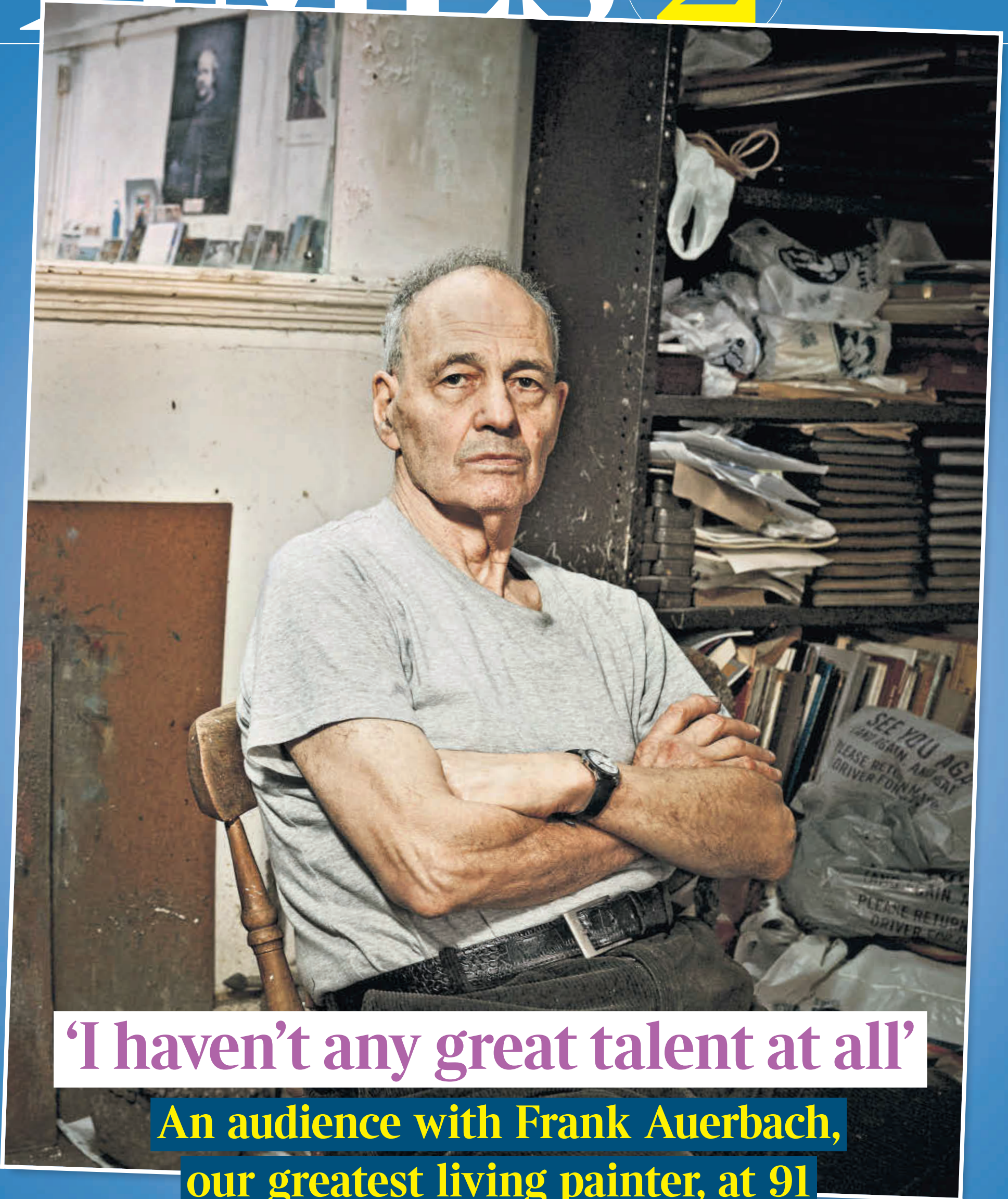
I do think some people will like the idea though. There’s a pitch near me where kids go to train and I’ve noticed they wear different team shirts every week. Obviously, my instinct is to march over there, sit them all down and give them a lecture about loyalty. But until I think of a speech that would persuade an entire generation to stop being such fickle little brats, I know that this is exactly the type of game they would want to watch. They seem to support players, not teams and this would have the best in the world.

Talking of players, one of Jürgen Klopp’s points was that you can’t expect bitter rivals to play together. I love that attitude and I wish it were true. But does Mo Salah really despise the blue half of Merseyside as much as the fans would hope? Does Cristiano Ronaldo have the same disdain for Manchester City that predecessors such as Gary Neville and Roy Keane did? If you were to ask his agent, the answer would be, “Absolutely not, Cristiano is completely open to offers”.

Yes, there are some players who feel all of the things we fans feel. But even they would find it hard to resist a call up to the All Stars. Steven Gerrard — Mr Liverpool himself — said, “I would’ve loved to have played in it”.

So, if the young fans and players would both be keen, that just leaves the traditional fans such as me and (presumably) you. While we don’t like being told what to do by Americans, what we don’t like even more is the other half of our own country. The rivalry between the north and the south is huge. Plenty of people feel way more passionate about being a northerner or southerner than they do about being English. It’s Stark v Lannister, Burnham v Truss, Greggs v Pret. And a chance to watch a civil war played out on the football pitch has a lot of appeal.

An All Star match goes against everything I believe in, but you can be morally and ideologically opposed to something and still quite like to watch it (*Love Island*). So, in summary, I am completely against the idea and I cannot wait to see it.



‘I haven’t any great talent at all’

**An audience with Frank Auerbach,
our greatest living painter, at 91**

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I'm right-handed, my dog Elsa is right-pawed. Meet my canine doppelgänger Kevin Maher



It is the pet-focused question that allegedly perplexes the greatest of scientific brains. It is a question that recently required intense study, observation and an acknowledgement that the ultimate answer could have huge implications for our understanding of inter-species relationships. And, equally, it is a question that has probably never once crossed the mind of all but the most oddly analytical of dog owners. And it is? “Why does owner handedness influence the paw preference of dogs?” You know? Why do left-handed owners tend to have left-pawed dogs, and right-handed owners have right-pawed dogs? Oh, *that* question! Of course, we’ve all, at some point, er, absolutely never...

The question, which was the subject of a University of Lincoln study, has not been properly answered, but the terms at least have been fully confirmed by experiments conducted with the aid of 62 dogs and their owners. The scientists found that, by repeatedly performing the “paw test” (“Give us the paw! Awww, who’s a good boy!”) and noting the dog’s natural bias, roughly 80 per cent of hounds with left-handed owners are likely to display a left-pawed preference. Ditto for the right-handed owners and their right-pawed pets.

This, I can confirm, as a right-handed dog owner, is true, based on the paw preference of Elsa, my right-pawed, seven-year-old Leonberger. But, more excitingly, unlike the scientists, I can tell you the reason why. Elsa and I are connected via profound psycho-spiritual tethers that have emerged over the course of our relationship, and can be demonstrated and observed by the most conspicuous physical mirroring. Seriously, don’t scoff. She’s like my canine doppelgänger. I have it, she has it. She does it, I do it.

Example. During the summer I ruptured a disc in my back, which left me for weeks with a notable (sciatica-induced) right-leg limp. Within days of the rupture Elsa too developed a prominent limp, but on her left leg. “That proves nothing!” I hear you say. “It’s the wrong leg!” Just wait. I took her to the vet, who patiently explained that it only appeared that she was injured in her left leg, whereas in fact she was merely, during every stride sequence, dropping down low on her left leg just so she could push herself upwards, extra high, on the next stride, to avoid putting pressure on the real injury, and the real pain, which was (ta-dah!) in her right leg. Because? We are the same, me and her.

And it doesn’t stop there. Elsa, like me, prefers to sleep on her right side. Anytime she crashes out, like me, it’s on her right, legs out stiffly (could be me in the bed, carbon copy). Elsa, like me, is a swimming obsessive. Any time we travel to the water in a group (people and dogs) she, like me, is first in and last out. And that’s not

just a Leonberger thing. I have a second Leonberger, Lara, who’s an utter water coward, and will only swim reluctantly. Elsa, on the other hand, because she’s telekinetically bound to my very being, will swim, like my canine shadow, for as long as I’m in the water.

I could go on. Elsa’s only other ailment is a tendency to suffer from inflamed ear canals. I, meanwhile, have tinnitus. Do I need to add any more? I’m sure if she could speak she’d say, “Hey Kev, this tinnitus is a bitch, eh?” And I’d say, “Yeah, too right, bitch!” Elsa doesn’t like the hard rinds on bacon. Me neither. Elsa spits out broccoli stalks. Me too. What else can I say? It’s incontrovertible. Oh, I almost forgot. When Elsa meets a person for the first time, she walks up to them and nudges them gently in the crotch with her nose. Case closed.



Not the tea pushers again

They’re at it again! Pushing tea! Last month it was alleged medical proof that “tea is good for your heart”. Now, according to Chinese scientists, it’s the news that “tea can keep diabetes at bay”. Frankly, they could discover that tea provides eternal youth and limitless riches and I still wouldn’t drink it. Can’t abide it. Awful muck. It’s only made half-palatable by dosing it with shovelfuls of sugar (handy, now, given the anti-diabetes discovery). And it’s not just the taste either. It is, for me, an early lifetime (an Irish childhood) spent surrounded by the bonkers rituals of incessant and enforced tea drinking. Come in and have a cuppa! I’ll put the kettle on for a cuppa! Let’s have a cuppa and put the world to rights! What? It’s not a panacea! It’s just a drink. And it’s kind of gross, too. And yet still the messaging persists today. Come in, have a cuppa, and we may not put the world to rights, but you’ll live for ever! Nope. I think I’ll have an espresso instead.

Intimacy coaches v actors

I see that Joely Richardson has offered a measured

comeback to her former *Lady Chatterley* co-star Sean Bean who recently claimed that “intimacy co-ordinators” on movie sets were spoiling the “spontaneity” of filmed sex scenes. Richardson said that she was

“really glad for this generation that there are systems in place to protect” actresses. Don’t think today’s actresses need protecting any more? Well, I can only say that a famous British actor once told me about being horrified

by witnessing married male American actors on set who, when faced with an upcoming sex scene on the day’s schedule, simply rubbed their hands, grinned and turned to him saying, “Love it! It’s basically free cheating!” Stay classy, Hollywood!

The woman who sold her love life with Elon Musk

When she auctioned the keepsakes from her relationship with the world’s richest man, Jennifer Gwynne was surprised by how he responded, she tells Julia Llewellyn Smith

What do you do if as a student you dated (seriously, for a whole year) a dishy nerd who went on to become the richest man in the world? Do you a) bombard him with friend requests in the hopes of getting back together? Or do you b) look at his high-profile, car-crash relationships and often eccentric proclamations and congratulate yourself on dodging a bullet?

If you’re Jennifer Gwynne, a 48-year-old working for a medical supply company who lives in a three-bedroom house in suburban South Carolina and is the ex-girlfriend of Elon Musk, you pick option B. Yet there’s a caveat. You decide to cash in on your ex’s net worth, of £239 billion, not with a tacky kiss and tell, but by benefiting from the trickle-down effect of selling mementoes of your relationship to the Musketeers, as Musk’s adoring fans call themselves.

Last week a Boston auction house sold 18 of Gwynne’s never-before-seen snapshots of a “baby-faced” Musk when he was a student at the Ivy League University of Pennsylvania, a birthday card signed “Love Elon” and a 14-carat gold necklace for a total of \$165,265 (about £145,000). “I’m shocked and disbelieving,” Gwynne says, the morning after the auction, which she monitored virtually with her family. “It was a wild ride.”

Smartly dressed, friendly and “solidly middle-middle class” in demeanour, Gwynne, who lives with her husband, a school art teacher, and his 13-year-old son, comes across less as a jilted gold-digger and more as cheerfully pragmatic. “This isn’t tasteless, it’s the smartest thing I’ve ever done,” she says cheerfully. “I’m making good money. I’d be foolish not to do it. And I’m enjoying this extended 15 minutes of fame.”

In her defence, Musk implicitly blessed her plan, on the morning of the auction changing his Twitter profile picture to Gwynne’s snap of

him beaming in a Judge Dredd T-shirt (“Like any good geek he was very proud of that T-shirt”). That photograph sold for \$9,375.

“When I saw he’d changed his picture, my face flushed. I thought I was going to faint!” Gwynne exclaims. “I knew the auction house had been in touch with his people. He’s adorable in that picture, so I’m not surprised he used it, but he was definitely drawing attention to the sale and I appreciate his support.”

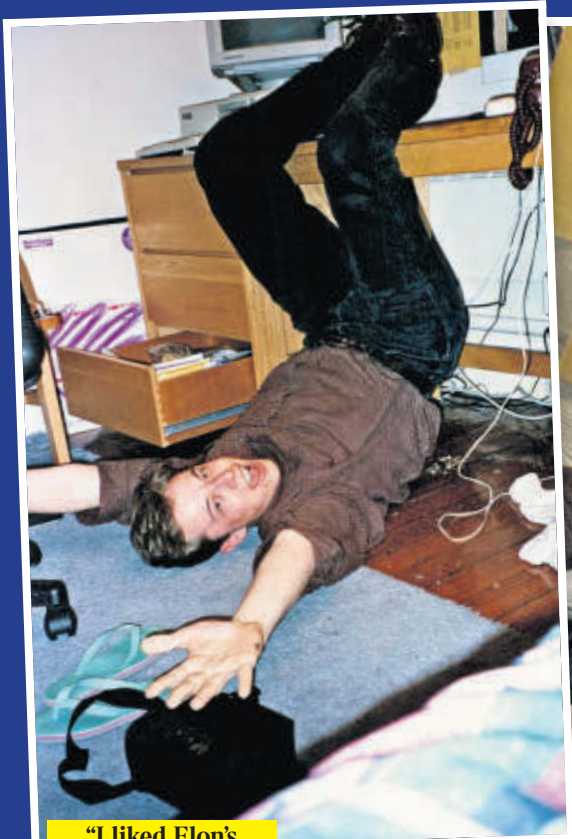
The photos had sat for 27 years in an album on Gwynne’s shelves. But in December a test paper that Musk had graded with his initials as a teaching assistant sold for \$7,700. “For the last six months every time I’ve looked at my phone there’s something about Elon. Then there was his stuff with Grimes [the Canadian musician and mother of his children X Æ A-Xii and Exa Dark Sideræl], then he had twins with this other executive [Shivon Zilis from Neuralink] and then there was this whole deal with him [attempting to] buy Twitter. I’m a very blessed person, and the universe tells me when it’s time to do things. I thought, now is the right ROI [return on investment]. Elon’s a business school graduate — he’d appreciate that.”

Gwynne and Musk, now 51, met at a staff meeting for resident advisers (students trained to mentor other students) in 1994, when she was a third-year English literature student and he was in his final year studying physics and economics. The South African-born Musk was in charge of a dorm two floors above the one Gwynne oversaw. One night he knocked at her door with a Chinese takeaway. “He asked if he could come in. I’m, like, ‘Of course, if you brought me food.’”

From then they were an item. “It was passionate. I can’t speak for him, but it was definitely my first adult love.” Musk had huge student debt then, so what was the attraction?

“Tall [Musk is 6ft 1in] and geeky used to be my type. I liked Elon’s reserved nature. We’re both introverts faking being extrovert, which takes a lot of energy, so I liked how we could hang out together at the same speed

JENNIFER GWYNNE



“I liked Elon’s reserved nature”
Sold for \$21,889



Student love: Elon and Jennifer c1994
Sold for \$1,306



“He was proud of that T-shirt!”
Sold for \$9,375



— going out to dinner, going to movies, not a lot of parties. And he really did have vision. I come from Rhode Island, which is a small state, and he was foreign and exotic with a worldly view — from just being from elsewhere, but also just looking towards the future, talking about electric cars, talking about alternate fuel sources. It was all endearing.”

Her photos include images showing them in a restaurant with other students, and Musk in black tie about to attend a function. To Gwynne’s surprise the photo that attracted the highest bid (\$21,889) showed him hanging upside down from her desk. “Elon was usually very reserved, focused on his studies. So when he got silly and we saw that rare, cheeky smile, I liked to take candid pictures.”

At Christmas the couple visited Musk’s model mother, Maye, in Toronto (she had left his engineer father). “She had her other two kids there, Tosca and Kimbal. They were a tight-knit group, but they welcomed

Jennifer Gwynne, 48

“I can’t speak for him but he was definitely my first adult love

me in and Maye was very sweet, including me in conversations and talking to me one on one. She was making an effort, she saw Elon really liked me.”

Maye had a suitcase full of gold and emerald pendants from her native South Africa. “Elon took one out and gave it to me and said it was from his father’s emerald mine. I really knew that he was offering something special of himself to me. That was a very sweet night, and I wore it on and off for a long time, but for the last ten years it’s just sat in my jewellery box.” It sold for \$51,008.

Hindsight is a wonderful thing, but there were signs that Musk was destined for something unusual. “He has this amazing intensity, a different way of thinking. There’s just something very definitive about him. If he makes up his mind then it’s going to happen,” Gwynne says as if she last saw him yesterday. “So if he’s talking about going to Mars, I believe it’s got a chance.”

She acknowledges that Musk “had cognitive differences”. He has said that he has Asperger’s syndrome. “But that just makes him a stronger scientist, a stronger engineer, a smarter thinker. It wasn’t like he didn’t make friends or was unable to communicate.”

There were rarely public displays of affection. “Occasionally we’d say I love you.” Gwynne’s birthday card, which read “Happy Birthday Jennifer (aka Boo Boo)” sold for \$16,643. “Boo Boo was what he called me after I needled him for not calling me something sweet.” Did she have a cute nickname for him? “Oh God, no!”

After graduating Musk moved to Stanford in California to do a PhD, but dropped out after two days to found a software company. “He’d started his conquering of the world, and he said, ‘The phone’s a waste of time,’ which is not what a 21-year-old woman wants to hear. A long-distance relationship was just not going to work — that was very obvious, and it wasn’t as if we’d planned to marry. We just moved on. I don’t remember being truly upset or

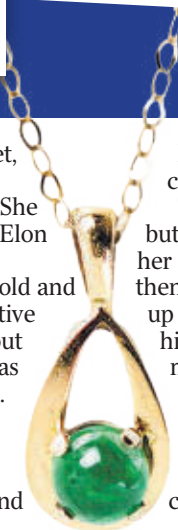
lots and lots of tears. As far as I can remember it was mutual.”

That was the end of all contact, but over the years Gwynne spotted her ex first in alumni magazines, then on national media. “If he came up I’d sometimes say, ‘I used to date him,’ but the bigger he got the more foolish that seemed — people didn’t believe me. I wouldn’t believe me either. It was definitely a weird one.” Her husband, she says, “to give him credit, is totally fine” about her alpha ex — not least because the auction’s proceeds will pay her stepson’s university fees. “I don’t know how I’d feel if he’d dated a supermodel.”

She felt a sting of recognition reading an interview with Musk’s ex-wife Justine, whom he met at Queen’s University in Ontario, Canada, before transferring to UPenn (“Potentially he was courting both of us at the same time,” Gwynne admits). Justine portrayed her children’s father as a controlling alpha male. “I’m #TeamJustine. I know a lot of what she probably went through in the first couple of years of their marriage.”

Apart from anything, Gwynne is “proudly, militantly childless”, while Musk made it clear to Justine he wanted a huge family. “Had I married Elon I would have had children, and I don’t know if that’s the path I should have taken.” She shakes her head as I describe a friend visiting Musk’s second wife, a seemingly lonely Talulah Riley, at his mega-mansion.

“That’s a lifestyle I wouldn’t have survived. Not that there’s anything wrong with that lifestyle, but it’s not for me,” Gwynne says. “We wouldn’t have lasted long. Elon was and is looking for someone to be more of a supporter than a partner. Those kind of men used to be my type, but I’ve learnt now. I’m not picking on Elon — when you’re trying to change this world and colonise another one, you probably have to be very alpha in all aspects. I want someone who can open up and share and show weakness. Elon might have a hard time doing that.”



“He said it was from his father’s emerald mine”
Sold for \$51,008

The lowdown The must-have chunky loafers

Look here! Fashion has a brand new shoe.

Is the trend not to wear them as a pair these days?

Very funny.

But seriously. I thought the entire point of fashion was that it was all new, all the time, at a warp speed that no average Joe could keep up with? How can there be just one new shoe style to know?

It’s more that, occasionally, a particularly pervasive trend comes along that the rest of us might dream of pulling off.

Very occasionally, you mean.

Fine — but I am here to tell you that time has come.

And just in time for proper autumn! Is it something snug?

No. But it does have a back-to-school vibe. In fact, if you spent a large portion of the Nineties in a classroom, you may well recognise it.

What is it — short skirts? Ties? Sounds more like my go-to Halloween costume if so.

Chunky loafers.

Huh. Like the ones that Clarks used to sell?

The very same — except that 2022’s must-have iterations are from Prada (and, for the rest of us, Zara).

That’s very good of you to give us the choice.



You’re welcome. But do take note: the lug sole loafer is having something of a moment in fashion circles. Big designers are stocking them, so are high street shops — and insiders report that they were on the feet of those sitting front row at London fashion week (fashionistas were wearing them with socks).

Hang on. I thought fashion had an issue with socks? Isn’t that why all those *Love Island* lads don’t wear any with their loafers?

Look, no one said it makes sense. I’m here to report the trends, not explain them.

Hannah Rogers

arts

Auerbach at 91: 'I still live in the

The artist works 365 days a year trying to create that one 'impossible, perfect' image. If he ever achieved it, he would stop, he tells **Rachel Campbell-Johnston** in a rare interview

Frank Auerbach seldom gives newspaper interviews. I can't remember exactly how often I've asked if I could speak to him — but it's the same number of times that I've been politely yet firmly refused.

Auerbach is almost as famed for his assiduously guarded seclusion as he is for his painting. Like "the beast in the burrow who does not wish to be invaded", he spends 365 days (and often nights also) of the year in his Camden Town studio. He works from dawn to sundown. He seldom engages with anyone except the handful of family members and longstanding friends who, over the course of decades, have proved themselves up to the ordeal of the long, patient hours he demands of his models.

"I simply prefer to go on working than to waste my time talking," he explains. "And besides, there's always a danger of becoming boring, of talking more than is justified."

"Painting," he says, "is a mysterious process, and I don't ever want it to be demystified."

However, this month Auerbach, now aged 91, is prepared to take a momentary pause to talk to *The Times*. The most comprehensive monograph of his work to date is being published by Rizzoli. Spanning the course of his career from 1950, when he was still a student, to the present day and a striking series of self-portraits completed during the pandemic (when even his most loyal sitters could not come to the studio), a succession of some 1,200 images (almost a quarter of them reproduced in full-colour plates) capture the course of his painterly career.

Auerbach admits that even he — "and I am very, very self-aware" — has felt, if not exactly contented ("one is never satisfied, one changes all the time"), then at least "really rather

surprised by what it all looks like in aggregate... or interested, anyway... or at least I haven't detected a catastrophic decline", he concludes.

"I haven't any great talent at all," Auerbach announces. "Or at least I had a superficial talent before I started, but as soon as I began to realise what painting was really about it seemed to disappear." So, as he examines the new monograph, he is not thinking about whether over the decades he has got "better" or "worse". Rather, he is thinking about whether he has kept on changing, kept experiencing and responding afresh.

"My nightmare is that I should find that I have done exactly the same drawing of different people. Materials

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and paints behave utterly differently every time that you work. Sometimes a pencil moves smoothly across the paper, sometimes it plonks down in a patch of scumbled graphite. It's totally unpredictable. All that matters is that something has happened, has changed. Even now I am changing all the time."

Works that satisfied him 70 years ago, when he had thought that he "was working on all cylinders, was in touch with something profound and particular", were created, he says, by a very different person. "Now I can see that it wasn't a sense of satisfaction, it was simply a sort of grandiloquent drive."

With the 2011 death of Lucian Freud, Auerbach's closest friend and regular breakfast companion, the mantle of "Britain's greatest living

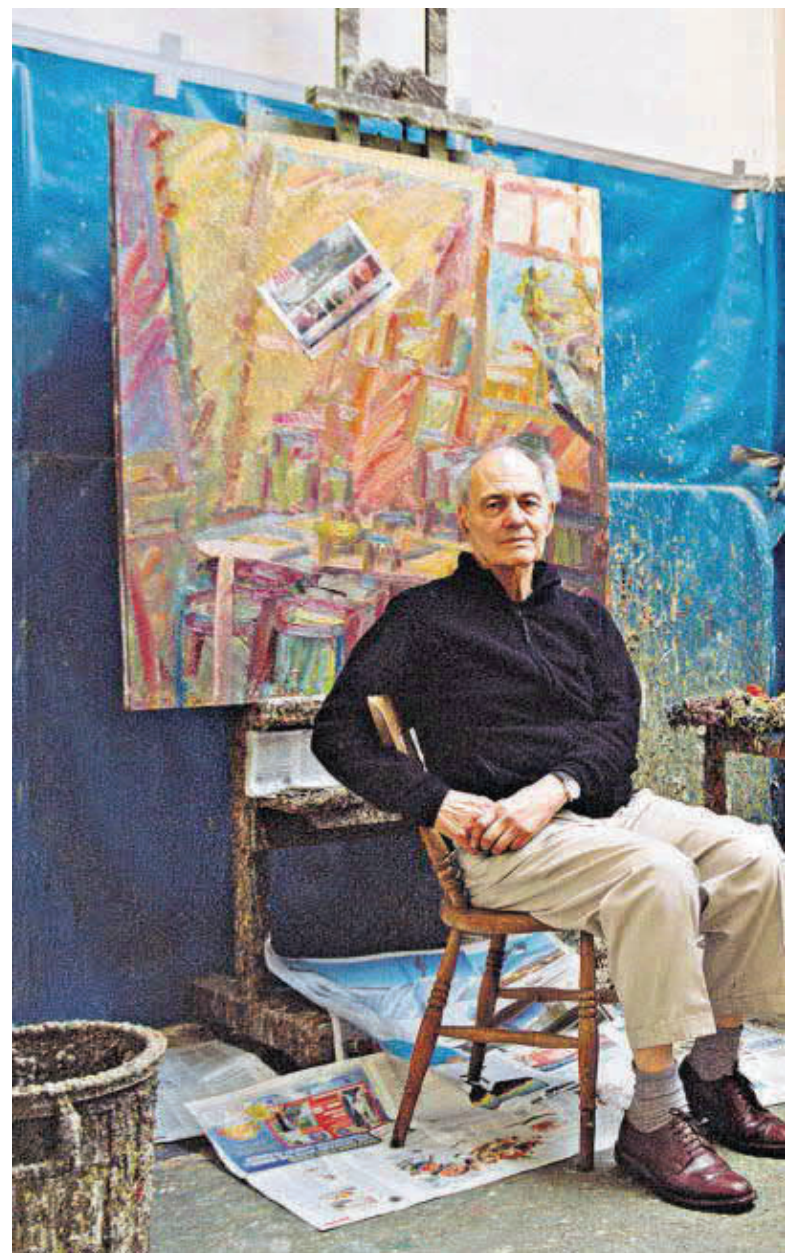
painter" lost its incumbent. Auerbach — thanks in large part to Freud's persistent admiration and persuasive support — found himself shoved to the front of the line. How did he feel about that? "It's just rubbish," he declares. "It's not the Olympics. And in my lifetime I've known at least 30 or 40 people described as our greatest living painter."

All that matters to Auerbach is the work. Even today, as an entire nation puts its daily routines on pause and draws around the television set to bid farewell to the Queen, he will, just as usual, be "making heavy weather of it" amid the chaos of his paint-encrusted studio. It's not that he isn't moved by the death of the monarch. Although he never met her — only her "pleasingly unpompous" husband, who awarded Auerbach his silver medal from the Royal College of Art — he "admired her greatly", he says.

"I think that she has lived the perfect rounded life — in the sense of the whole story, the whole life including the death. She was compos mentis right up to the end. And I can't help feeling, sentimentally, that her life had lost some of its meaning with the loss of Philip," he adds, thinking perhaps of his own, almost as longstanding marriage to Julia, the art student he met close to seven decades ago. Although they drifted apart for some years in the middle of their marriage, and it was Julia who was left for the most part to bring up their son, Jake — "I haven't been a good parent; it's luck that my son [now a film-maker who made the 2001 documentary *To the Studio* about his father] is lovely... everything is luck" — they came back together again in the mid-Seventies. Auerbach, a family friend tells me, has cared for his wife devotedly over the past few years as her health has declined.

His determinedly idiosyncratic way of working — he resolutely ignores the fads and the fashions of a fast-paced contemporary world — has over the decades come to seem ever more singular. Shunning the superficial, the flashy, the technically novel, his canvases — dense coagulations of paint that have been built up and scraped down, built up and scraped down again and again over the weeks, months and years that it takes to complete them — seek to bear witness not to appearance but to the depths of perception.

If you are after the romantic cliché of the lonely figure in an ivory tower then Auerbach must surely count as the real thing. He has travelled abroad barely a handful of times in his life. In fact, he seldom strays from the little patch of London streets that he likes to paint. He gets his hair cut twice a year. He wears his clothes until they disintegrate. Until he was 50 he never had a bank



Frank Auerbach at his London studio. Below: with his wife, Julia, and son, Jake, in 2001. Left: Timothy Behrens, Lucian Freud, Francis Bacon, Auerbach and Michael Andrews at Wheeler's in Soho, London, in 1963



account. He always lived hand to mouth. "I still live in the same squalor that I did 70 years ago," he tells me. All his attention is devoted, instead, to his painting. His focus on that is fierce as a flaring blowtorch.

Perhaps it is precisely because it is reality — and nothing less — that concerns him, Auerbach is incapable of resting content. "I am trying to put down as directly as I can my sensations," he says. "I experience what happens, what's in front of me, and try to make a new, coherent, true form of what I feel. I would regard it as a sort of propaganda or falsity to try to persuade anybody of anything. I just, in a dumb way like a sleepwalker — I've been sleepwalking all my life — try to pin down the most pure, utterly new, utterly strange and true image of that sensation."

"If I ever achieved it, I would of course stop. I would think, 'Now I've done it.' But there's always this idea of an impossible, perfect, fierce new image that I can't quite reach... and so I go on."

Painting is to him a bit like alchemy, he suggests. The base matter of pigment is smeared, swiped and twisted across the canvas, swept on in great slathers, mixed and muddled about, applied in raw dollops, squirted



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straight from the tube. "I don't like the paint to be too couth, too conscious, too adept. I have no idea when I start what I will do. I work amid an inchoate mass and hope that something I will recognise as true and coherent will emerge — something that will surprise me, like finding an Easter egg. It seems to me that if something works, it won't quite look like a picture: it will look like a strange object that conveys a strange sensation."

Has it all been worth it, I wonder? Hasn't he ever felt that, in remaining so single-mindedly devoted to his art, he has missed out on life? "I don't think I can answer that question," he answers. "The muse just seems to pick people at random. You become an artist and find yourself driven to the easel as your only loyal, faithful activity. I don't know why."

People have tried to construct reasons, he suggests. They have looked at his background. His childhood was not easy. Born in Berlin in 1931 to Jewish parents — his father was a patent lawyer descended from a long line of rabbis, his mother a former art student — he was sent to England on the Kindertransport in 1939. A modest stipend from a relative enabled him to attend school in Kent. But, although for a year or so he would receive postcards from his parents, they eventually stopped coming. His

mother and father had been sent to a concentration camp — probably Auschwitz (he says he has never found out). Neither of them survived.

After a brief flirtation with the idea that he might pursue a theatrical career, Auerbach went to study at St Martin's School of Art and then the Royal College. He credits David Bomberg, however, an erratically unconventional teacher at the Borough Polytechnic, for impressing upon him the importance of discovering the essence of a subject, rather than getting waylaid by appearances.

"If you look at a Matisse or a Picasso," he says, "you get the sense that they are not describing the outward experience of something. They are describing their involvement with it, their identification with it... I tend to try to paint things with which I have a great familiarity, partly because they mean more to me than anybody else."

Early works feature portraits of a woman identified as "E.O.W". Forms, swaddled in mummifying bandages of paint, feel all but hewn out of not just pigment but his passion for a person who sat for him three times a week for 23 years. Even as work changes over the years, as colour comes in, as forms grow clearer or looser or more dramatically energetic, it is this fundamental struggle for authenticity that remains.

Let your eye follow the sweep of the strokes that describes the twist of a muscle or the bulge of a brow bone. Notice how a sense of physical heaviness and hence atmospheric presence is built up — sometimes almost literally, like a sculptural relief. See the way in which dribbles or smudges, slashes, loops or dashes, intricate brush-flicks of colour or great laden splodges can touch the surface of a canvas with what seems like the constantly renewed freshness of life. You can almost feel the artist's hands running over his subject, sense his fingerprints testing out a form. An intimate space is invaded by Auerbach's painterly touch.

His first paintings were sold from park railings in London. But his first proper exhibition — at the Beaux Arts Gallery in 1956 — was described by the critic David Sylvester as "the most exciting and impressive first one-man show by an English painter since Francis Bacon in 1949".

It was with Bacon and his circle — Lucian Freud, Michael Andrews and Leon Kossoff all prominent — that Auerbach fell in. You can spot him in old photographs, dark and dashing handsome (his wife fell in love with him the moment she first saw him at the bottom of the college stairway), laughing and dining. "Iris Murdoch said that the secret of happiness is to find people that you are fascinated

From top: Mornington Crescent, Summer Morning II; the artist photographed by JS Lewinski in 1965

with," he tells me. "And when I was young, meeting these sort of people seemed rather marvellous. But now I don't feel the need to go out much."

Conversation is not what it's about any more. He apologises to me for "gabbling on" ("It's because I spend so much time alone," he explains as he expounds upon a picture by Ingres). "But it seems to me now," he says, "that when you are talking crazily and laughing it's merely a form of on-gushing pleasure rather than a significant discussion that's going to get somewhere. As I have got older,

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sitting round a table has become less and less important. But sitting with a brush in my hand feels endlessly interesting. By sheer luck I find more or less everything that I want in art."

"I don't want to do just another picture," he tells the critic William Feaver in an interview that appears in the new monograph. (Feaver is also one of Auerbach's regular sitters.) "I want to do the sort of picture that I haven't done before. I want to make foreign and strange forms." To reach these, destruction is as essential a force as creation, he says. "You have to be prepared to get violently impatient" to do "anything arbitrary to kick the painting into life. And unless you destroy you are not really doing art at all."

"When I was young I used to have an ignoble feeling that I was trying to make a splash," he admits. However, with hindsight he realises that "it wasn't that really... it was that I was pretty rock-bottom for quite a few years and so terribly anxious about how I would be able to go on working. I wanted to have enough money to go on so that I could stop thinking about whether I was recognised or not. All you have to do is to try to do your best and the rest will happen," he believes.

So now that it has, now that his paintings can sell for millions, what next? Does he regret, for instance, that he will never get the chance to paint the Queen, as his friend Freud did? Auerbach chuckles as he dismisses the very idea. "I couldn't possibly have done that. It might take me two years to finish a single drawing. The Queen wouldn't put up with that... or with my intemperate behaviour when I'm scrawling around."

"I want nothing more than to be left to go on living in the company of my muse. The muse exists," he assures me. "She enters and after that everything is luck." And does he talk to her, I wonder? Or is even she denied an interview? Auerbach laughs. "I'm not sure that I talk to her. But I think that I moan at my muse quite a lot."

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life

Ask Professor Tanya Byron

An old friendship has become toxic. Is it worth saving?

Q My wife and I have been married for 30 years and have good relationships with our adult children, who sadly have had health issues and are not able to have kids of their own. The problem lies with close friends from our student years. They too married and had children. We all went into similar professions, and the husband of the pair has always been competitive. By the time we retired I was further up the career ranking. This was seldom alluded to other than in throwaway comments.

They now have grandchildren, and our circumstances seem to have made our friends think that they've succeeded where we've failed. They show no interest in our family other than middle-class lip service to our shared history. We live a long drive away but do all the physical running. We have been taken to see their children's new houses and to meet the grandchildren without any prior discussion. A "fun day" was arranged around a grandchild and we were forced to worship at his altar.

In contrast, they were too busy to attend one of our children's weddings, which hurt our feelings. We are bombarded with photos of their grandchildren, and the endless boasting on our WhatsApp group are really getting us down.

We are sad about there being little likelihood of us having grandchildren, but are more sad for our children than ourselves. We have jointly examined our own responses for jealousy but we aren't certain that's an issue — although we are open to the idea that it may well be. We don't see a way of talking this through without hurt and offence being caused and taken, yet this situation seems unsustainable for our own mental health.

Has this lifelong friendship run out of steam — or how is it retrievable?
Hugh

A The ending of a close and longstanding friendship can be as painful as the ending of a marriage. But like any relationship friendships change as we grow and develop, and the changes are not always positive ones. And when they become toxic they should never continue just because they have existed for many years.

It is better to end a friendship with dignity before the cumulative effect of the toxicity causes significant breakdown and fallout — that way the valued parts of the friendship can be remembered with fondness. However, before considering how to end a longstanding friendship, it is important to address the central jealousy issue.

I note that competition has, in your minds, existed since earlier days, around the issue of "career ranking". You now believe that this dynamic is being played out in a way that truly hurts you: over grandchildren. Even if this is the case, why should you let it affect you? Perhaps your success did trigger a level of insecurity in the husband that came from a place of vulnerability? This, therefore, could be their issue — don't let it become yours.

Now, with your friends seemingly taking a superior competitive role in regards to grandchildren, this seems insensitive and feels more painful, and so I can understand why being around your friends' grandchildren could be hard for you both. But are they just sharing their joy with you, without competitive intent? Could the feelings that you and your wife have about not being grandparents, plus the seam of competitiveness that has run through many years, be polluting your interpretation of your friends' actions?

My questions do not in any way indicate that I have an opinion one way or the other. Indeed, the other details you share do seem to indicate a lack of reciprocity from

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your friends in terms of celebrating each other's lives. However, I do sometimes work therapeutically with people who come in with anger and hurt around the actions of others, only to realise later that what they are seeing in those others are feelings that belong to them, projections. And so, given that ending this friendship would be a huge and painful moment in your life, perhaps some sessions with a clinical psychologist to explore what I have questioned may not only help you to make the decision about ending the friendship but provide a space for you to grieve a role — being grandparents — that you will never have (see bps.org.uk).

If you decide to end the friendship, what would be the best way to do it? The process starts with well-considered clarity about why the relationship needs to end: because of rivalry and toxicity (ie a belief that your friends do more of the taking while you and your wife do more of the giving). While your friends may not agree, the fact that you both feel drained indicates that these are genuine feelings for you. You then need to consider your process for ending the relationship, which can range from having a discussion with your friends to a gradual fade-out, or just ripping the plaster off and ending the friendship immediately. The approach you choose depends on the urgency for you to end the friendship and whether or not you feel it's important to see if some resolution could be found.

You may feel that, to honour the many years of friendship and the history you all share, it would be right to have a discussion before pulling the plug. This discussion would need to be managed thoughtfully, and I recommend that you say "we feel..." rather than "you did...". By emphasising how you feel rather than what they did, you reduce the likelihood of a back-and-forth, attack-

and-defence interaction. Your friends will have a choice: to hear the pain their actions cause you and so want to adjust their behaviour, or to dismiss your pain, decide it's your problem not theirs and so decide that the friendship is unsustainable for them too.

By choosing the gradual fade-out you avoid painful discussions but risk being questioned by your friends as to why you are seeing them less — you will need to have an even and measured explanation prepared, using "we" not "you" statements, to avoid defining the friendship by a bitter and possibly confrontational end. You can choose not to explain and to let things fade out, but then you risk a longer-term sense of unfinished business.

If you're already at breaking point (which your comment about the impact on your mental health seems to suggest), you may see that the only option is to end the relationship unambiguously, without discussion. If a face-to-face meeting feels too challenging or confrontational, you could write what's in effect a goodbye letter, explaining your reasons, that would not imply possible reparation but would acknowledge the years of friendship, which remain valued.

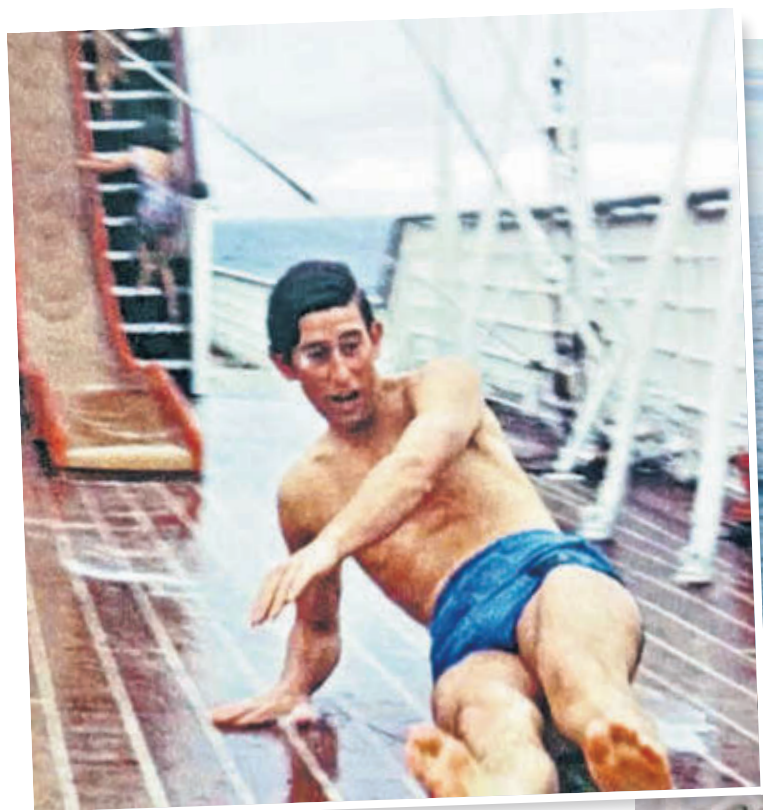
Once you have done all this, expect to feel sad, but don't take that as meaning you've made a mistake — after all, you'll have given this ending serious consideration. Recognise that your friends have a right to reply, but don't allow yourself to be drawn into it unless you find that their response offers insights you hadn't considered — then continue the relationship only if new boundaries are agreed. And certainly don't allow yourselves to be manipulated back into the friendship.

Some intense and important friendships belong to certain times of our lives but, as we change and grow, don't fit well into other times. Accept that this is normal, and if your friendship does end and its time has passed, be sure always to cherish what once was. I wish you well.

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Jokes with the Queen, advice for a prince: my life on the royal yacht

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Lionel Bird, former commander of the Royal Yacht Britannia, remembers his time on Her Majesty's 'floating palace'

An invitation on board the Royal Yacht Britannia was not something readily rejected, even by the most ardent of republicans. When the Queen was hosting, she was the ultimate diplomat, able to disarm the most unlikely of people. After we docked in Vancouver for an onboard dinner with the Canadian prime minister Pierre Trudeau, he insisted on inviting a very left-wing student leader who had been telling everyone he met about the stern words he would have with the Queen when he met her.

The student hurtled into port in an old van, while two incredibly worried gentlemen of the household peered over the side of the yacht and tried to figure out how to prevent him coming aboard. I watched Prince Philip sidle up beside them and say firmly: "If we have asked him to dinner, then he must come to dinner."

As he made his way up the gangway, the student's expression became less cocky by the second as the trappings of centuries-old royalty began to take effect. A young equerry led him through into the state dining room, at which point the Queen appeared. "Oh, I was so afraid you weren't coming!" she exclaimed. "Come over to the table for a drink so you can catch up!" Suffice to say, his carefully rehearsed republican outburst went unheard, muffled by the Queen's hospitality.

She was as stoic as one might expect. On a tour that took in Singapore,

Borneo, Sri Lanka and the Seychelles, we arrived on Mahé, the largest of the Seychelles islands, where the Queen and Prince Philip were greeted by church bells and jubilant bands. She attended an official lunch there, which required full evening dress in the heat of the midday sun. Afterwards she came staggering up the gangway and whispered to me as she came aboard: "That is not to be recommended."

The yacht possessed an inescapable aura of grandeur and royal ethereality. The interior itself, however, wasn't palatial. It was comfortable, even homely. The Queen was famously not a fan of change, and this certainly showed in the 1950s furniture and fittings that remained until the yacht's decommissioning in 1997. Despite being referred to as a "floating palace", the yacht had the most understated of interiors of all the Queen's residences.

Before becoming a commander on the royal yacht from 1970 to 1972, my life had been that of a navy seaman, serving on frigates and smaller patrol boats. Transferring to Britannia meant becoming slightly divorced from the pressures of running a normal navy ship. The pressures came instead from serving royalty and having to assume the role of a quasi-diplomat.

Sailing across the Indian Ocean on one particular tour, the Queen would ask three officers to dinner most nights. Sitting next to her one evening, I congratulated her on a recent racing win she had had in France, but suggested that she really shouldn't have won, given the breeding and inexperience of the horse.

She contradicted me, and so began quite a heated argument on the subject. I could see the private secretary sitting opposite looking terrified, thinking who's this young officer who thinks he knows more about horses than the Queen?

But she was thoroughly enjoying it. I think she'd possibly tired of sitting next to people who had obviously been briefed to say something, anything, about horses in the hope of provoking conversation.

It was said that Britannia was one of two places where the Queen felt truly at home, the other being

Balmoral. It provided respite from public life. In that spirit we always tried to visit the Hebrides when sailing around Scotland, berthing at one or other of the islands and keeping radio traffic to a minimum so as not to let the press cotton on to our destination.

On one occasion the Queen and her family disembarked for a barbecue on one of the many beaches, only to find they had forgotten to bring any matches or lighting equipment. I frantically rang round the local pubs on the island, begging them for matches while imploring them to keep it a secret so press photographers didn't rush down to the beach. Suffice to say it did not remain a secret.

Charles came aboard just before he left for his stint in the Royal Navy, where he would serve on ships himself and eventually command the coastal minesweeper HMS

Bronington. He was concerned about the authority about to be thrust upon him and, as he so often did, sought advice from his father's beloved uncle Louis Mountbatten, who sent him to my cabin.

It was reassurance that he sought more than anything. I sat him down while we passed between stops and candidly talked him through the problems he would face in the navy, and beyond, and how a commanding officer should deal with them. Even at the age of 22 our now King was clearly very conscious of his destiny. It's fair to say he hadn't been a star student up until then, but for such a young man he asked all the right questions. He

“**Even at the age of 22 our now King was conscious of his destiny**

spoke sensibly and pragmatically, a voice that he will surely draw upon in his years as King.

When Britannia was decommissioned it was the end of a long line of British royal yachts that began in the late 17th century with the last King Charles, Charles II.

The Queen was devastated. I was present for the decommissioning ceremony and witnessed the moment when a solitary tear seemed to trickle down her cheek in a rare display of public emotion.

There has been talk of bringing back the royal yacht, or something akin to it, but there won't be another. It fulfilled its duty, as did the woman who so expertly commandeered it for more than 40 years.



Above: Commander Bird, right, taking Prince Charles around Britannia's deck in 1970. Top, from left: Charles on a water slide aboard the royal yacht; the Queen and Prince Philip in 1972

As told to his grandson Henry Bird

first night

classical

RLPO/Hindoyan

Philharmonic Hall, Liverpool

★★★★☆

Their blood already stirred by blowing through the national anthem, the 13 extra brass players sunk their lungs into the fanfares that launch Janacek's *Sinfonietta*. The Royal Liverpool Philharmonic's new concert season — the second with Domingo Hindoyan as chief conductor — couldn't have got off to a more rousing start. How suitable for a concert dedicated to the memory of Rhys Owens, their former principal trumpet.

The brazen colourings continued throughout Janacek's tersely worked creation. The flutes and piccolo were almost frightening slithering though their high-pitched runs, though Hindoyan and his players poured just as much passion and precision over the score's quieter moments. All in all, the *Sinfonietta*, so vigorous, jagged and bright, took us far away from our mundane lives, echoing one of the remarks in the season booklet: "When Hindoyan conducts the orchestra, every concert feels like a holiday."

And where was our next holiday destination? Mahler land! Every big British orchestra takes us there, with the composer's relatively compact Fourth Symphony most favoured at the moment, like the Canary Islands and Ibiza. This was Hindoyan's choice too, but the orchestra's playing was so vivid, it was impossible to feel jaded.

You could sense the spring air in the first movement's pastoral landscape, so sweetly and delicately phrased. The scherzo's spectral delights followed, much enhanced by horn-call beauties and leader Thelma Handy's scurrings with her second, mis-tuned violin. The peak of pleasure and the deepest feelings came in the adagio's changing moods, with dynamics sometimes tapered close to nothing and notes sustained with such tender beauty that I nearly forgot to breathe.

Finally, we reached the last movement and a disappointment. The Czech soprano Katerina Knezikova sat through the adagio waiting for her vocal, only to sing with an ingredient missing when the time came. The notes were there, but not the tone of innocent wonder, essential if the text's child-like vision of heaven is to have resonance. Even so, this was a Mahler Fourth to remember. And when you're planning your next holiday, do keep Hindoyan and Liverpool in mind.

Geoff Brown



Dawn French rattles out the celebrity stories and self-deprecation in a show directed by Michael Grandage

My messy, starry life

Dawn French's evening of self-revelation isn't deep but it's a lot of fun, says Dominic Maxwell

comedy

Dawn French Is a Huge Twat

New Theatre, Peterborough

★★★★☆

How many self-mocking showbiz anecdotes can you take in one night? More than I imagined. Oh, I wouldn't recommend that any other act try the formula Dawn French plies so successfully in her second one-woman tour, *Dawn French Is a Huge Twat*. Referring to herself as a "roly-poly Eighties comedian", announcing that she has been "a giant twat for most of my life", French proceeds to tell tales of mishaps, the *Mamma Mia!* audition so disastrous that Julie Walters got the job instead.

It's self-revelation of the managed kind: any one of these 20-odd stories would be perfect chat show fodder. It's outwardly self-lacerating, inwardly self-accepting. The stage equivalent of one of those books of celebs' stories.

And it's great fun. It reminds us how well French, whose final *French and Saunders* live show with Jennifer Saunders was in 2009 and who did her previous solo show in 2015, can hold a stage. If she never looks to be breaking sweat, if she barely seems to be working as she tells of having a playground fight with her director on *The Comic Strip Presents...*, that sense of ease is a delectable illusion. She throws her whole body into some of these stories, yet is easy company.

So don't expect serious self-criticism. In fact, French even argues that it's better to show off our bodge-ups than it is to offer pretend perfection on social media. Instead, just enjoy the anecdotal. The time that Dustin Hoffman worked her dressing room with aplomb. The time that she and Lenny Henry went to Elton John's party, he as Michael Jackson and she as Bubbles the chimp. The time that she thought she had fallen in love with Phil Daniels. The time she ran on stage for a curtain call in a West End play she wasn't in. "Why do I do this?" she asks. "Because I'm a needy show-off... and a supreme, supreme twat."

The twat refrain is no more than a device, one that sometimes offers endings for stories that lack a punchline. French, the director Michael Grandage and the designer Lez Brotherston stage all this slickly, sometimes syncing the stories with videos on a big screen upstage. Yes, some of her more recent stories lack the resonance of earlier ones, and orchestrating a standing ovation for herself with a show tune is manipulative. It still works. It rarely goes deep, but it's rarely less than highly entertaining.

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theatre

Love All

Jermyn Street Theatre, SW1

★★★★☆

Is it a lost masterpiece? Not really, but this revival of a Dorothy L Sayers comedy of manners from eight decades ago is still well worth seeing as a vivacious time capsule. If its feminist sentiments seem sedate by 21st-century standards, it's useful to be reminded how far the world has moved on.

Our story begins in Venice, where smug, successful romantic novelist Godfrey Daybrook (Alan Cox) has been toiling over his latest opus while enjoying the sights and sounds of the Grand Canal. His glamorous partner, Lydia Hillington (Emily Barber), is much less contented, partly because she has turned her back on a budding career as an actress in the West End, partly because Godfrey's estranged wife, Edith (Leah Whitaker), is taking a long time to allow the divorce to go through.

When he talks of Edith, Godfrey portrays her as homely and dull. To his horror he discovers that, using a pseudonym, she has transformed herself into a successful playwright. This is not just a case of a writer's vanity being bruised: Godfrey believes that women should not sully their dignity by pursuing fame on the stage.

At this point in proceedings, modern audiences will roll their eyes.

Yet there's more than enough comic incident to hold our attention after the action shifts to London where Edith's flustered secretary deals with endless telephone calls from journalists and assorted hangers-on. Husband and wife and other half are brought together, for reasons too complicated to list here. We then enjoy seeing Godfrey's ego being assailed from all sides.

The performances, especially from Cox and Barber, are light and crisp and sparkle all the more in the intimate surroundings of Jermyn Street. Bethan Cullinane impresses as Godfrey's humble secretary, while Karen Ascoe snarls as Edith's gatekeeper. Anett Black's costumes exude 1930s charm, as do Louie Whitmore's set designs. This is Tom Littler's final production as the venue's enormously inventive artistic director before he takes over at the Orange Tree in Richmond. We'll surely be hearing a lot more from him.

Clive Davis

To October 8, jermynstreettheatre.co.uk

opera

The Makropulos Affair

Wales Millennium Centre

★★★★☆

Of all Janacek's brilliant and quirky operas, *The Makropulos Affair* is surely the oddest — and perhaps the greatest — of them all. Who else could pull off a science-fiction mystery thriller about a tedious legal inheritance case? With its brilliant new production of this 1925 opera, Welsh National Opera (WNO) yet again proves itself to be the place to hear Janacek in the UK.

It's not only that Cardiff has a long tradition with the Czech composer. WNO's music director, Tomas Hanus, clearly has this music in his soul, and he inspires orchestral playing with a sharp tang, ferocious urgency and luminous tenderness. His well-chosen cast, mostly British, sings with wonderfully idiomatic Czech, even



Alan Oke and Angeles Blancas Gulin

in the wordiest parts of the Karel Capek-inspired libretto. Nicky Spence, especially, totally inhabits the role of Albert Gregor, and Harriet Eyley makes much of Krista. But I could equally praise the rest of the 11 singers.

It would be easy for such an idiosyncratic piece to come a cropper. Director Olivia Fuchs navigates its complexities with a sure touch, aided by Nicola Turner's 1920s sets with a surreal edge, Robbie Butler's warm lighting and Sam Sharples's subtle video. Details tell. Just one example: when the mysterious lead character, Emilia Marty, makes her first entrance into the fusty solicitor's office, piles of paper spring into giant columns. Something strange is in the air. There's only one dud moment — when the plot is jokily explained to the audience

in English between two acts — but that could be solved: just take it out.

This opera lives or dies by its heroine, the victim of her father's experimental elixir of life. Angeles Blancas Gulin doesn't seem particularly interested in making a beautiful sound — and her intonation is at times edgy. Yet she gives us something undeniably interesting: a voice that conveys drama, daring, deep feeling. Above all, she punches home the sheer desperation of a woman who has endured 337 years of human beings in all their petty, tiring predictability. Her death, in a blaze of filmic flames and brass fanfares, is a transfiguration and a relief.

Rebecca Franks

In Cardiff until September 28, then on tour until December 2; wno.org.uk

‘Family friends didn’t think music was a worthy profession’

Fatma Said had to overcome prejudice in Egypt to reach operatic heights, she tells
Richard Morrison

Dazzling to eye and ear, highly intelligent, fluent in half a dozen languages, ambitious, well connected — and, not least, a slinky tango dancer in her leisure hours — Fatma Said would probably have risen fast in any profession she had chosen. That, at 31, she is hitting the heights in the classical music world is perhaps more surprising.

In Cairo, where she was born and bred, western classical music barely figured in her childhood. The city had a brief burst of operatic glory when Verdi’s *Aida* was premiered there, but that was in 1871. “In my lifetime opera has hardly featured in Egypt,” she says. “I grew up listening to Arabic music, jazz, and old recordings of Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and Sarah Vaughan.”

And even after vocal coaching from a teacher suggested that the teenage Said might be developing a voice in a million, there was scepticism from friends and worry from her family when, at the age of 18, she decided to leave Cairo for Berlin to do a degree in western classical singing at the Hochschule für Musik Hanns Eisler.

“My parents studied abroad — my father at the London School of Economics and my mum at UCLA in the States. But that was at postgraduate level,” Said says. “The idea of me going straight from school to live in Berlin by myself was scary for them.”

And her friends? “A lot of family friends didn’t think doing music professionally was something worthy or serious,” Said replies. “I guess something like engineering or medicine would be more typical for young Egyptians from my background. The reaction I received was along the lines of, ‘She doesn’t have anything else to do, so she has decided to study her hobby.’ Unfortunately to this day I don’t feel respect from some friends. It’s very much ‘And what else are you doing with your life?’”

Those friends should study Said’s career more closely. From Berlin she went to La Scala Theatre Academy in Milan, doing tiny roles at first but then becoming the first Egyptian soprano to perform in that illustrious venue (as Pamina in Mozart’s *The Magic Flute*). She was then selected by BBC Radio 3 as one of its New Generation Artists, and sang at the Proms and many other

festivals around the world. A couple of Wigmore Hall recitals had the London critics raving about her musical insight and range of vocal colours in repertoire that ranged from European art songs to Broadway belters.

And she just released what Warner Classics calls a “genre-defying cross-cultural album” — her second. The first, *El Nour*, which won many awards, was a ravishing exploration of the links between Spanish, French and Arabic music.

“*El Nour* was based on my feeling that Egypt is a really cosmopolitan country, very international, very outward-looking,” she says. “Maybe not so much when under British rule, but at one time we were the centre of the Mediterranean, with close ties to Greece, Italy, Turkey and Spain. So I wanted to explore that idea in music — to show how, for example, composers such as Ravel were trying to imitate Arabic music without necessarily having the first-hand knowledge or the access to Arabic instruments to do it authentically. The result was that they created a wonderful hybrid.”

“Wonderful hybrid” is an apt description of *Kaleidoscope*, her new album, too. This time the linking theme is dance, in all its global manifestations — an art form dear to Said’s heart. “My parents took me to ballroom dancing lessons from when I

Fatma Said and, below, at the Wigmore Hall



Fatma Said’s album *Kaleidoscope* is on Warner Classics

“In my lifetime opera has hardly featured in Egypt

Europe. He father, Ahmed Hassan Said, was a champion swimmer (he represented Egypt in the butterfly at the 1984 Olympics) who became a businessman, then was drawn into politics during the Arab Spring uprising in 2011. A founder member and the first president of the Free Egyptians Party (pressing for a liberal and secular government in Egypt) he was injured when the military took action against demonstrators at a rally.

“I was living in Germany, but obviously I supported him from afar,” Said says. “I have now been living abroad for 13 years so I don’t talk publicly about Egyptian politics. I don’t think I am qualified. Having said that, I feel very strongly that I am the daughter of my country, and I want to show off its best face abroad.”

That has taken many forms. At the United Nations in Geneva she has represented Egypt several times on Human Rights Day, and last September she sang John Lennon’s *Imagine* at the 24-hour live streamed Global Citizen Live charity concert in Paris, joining a line-up that included Elton John and Ed Sheeran.

It also extends, however, to introducing Arabic songs into her concerts wherever she can. “I think there are a lot of very beautiful Arabic and Egyptian songs, and I take seriously the task of introducing the world to this heritage,” she says.

Don’t Arabic songs demand a very different vocal technique? “Of course I need to tweak that a bit,” Said admits. “There are singers who have dedicated their lives to mastering these Arabic quarter tones. I don’t have that sort of training, but I am a singer who grew up in Cairo with this music all around. It’s like belly dancing. Of course I’m not a professional, but I know how to do it. I know the moves.”

Another of her Egyptian projects focuses on the centenary this November of the discovery of Tutankhamun’s tomb. As part of her season as artist in residence at the Konzerthaus in Berlin, Said will premiere a new work celebrating it. “It’s a new piece for voice and orchestra by the British composer and Oxford professor James Whitbourn, inspired by ancient Egyptian poems that are in the British Museum,” Said says. “For me it seems very special because it’s a British-Egyptian collaboration, just like the original discovery. In it I sing in both Arabic and English. We are still trying to get a British orchestra interested — doing it in the Great Court of the BM would be amazing.”

She now lives in London and is married to a banker. How does she see the next few years? “You know, we Egyptians are very wary about speaking about the future. Even when we say goodnight, we use an Arabic phrase that means, ‘I hope you wake in goodness.’ It’s not about sleeping well, it’s about waking up again.”

In other words, try not to die in the night? “Exactly,” Said says.

was 15,” she says. “Tango in particular has become quite an intense hobby of mine. But dance isn’t only about outer movement. You can also dance on the inside. That’s what I do when I sing.”

The album, performed in no fewer than six languages, ranges from Broadway classics such as Irving Berlin’s *Cheek to Cheek* and *I Could Have Danced All Night* from *My Fair Lady*, through 19th-century operatic waltz-songs by Gounod and Lehar and the like, to a sultry version of Whitney Houston’s *I Wanna Dance with Somebody*. To cap it all, in an accompanying video Said dances, as well as sings, *Yo soy Maria* — a tango classic by Astor Piazzolla.

“The starting point was to have as many dance rhythms as I could on the album,” Said explains. “Of course opera waltzes were really easy to find, but then I discovered this art

song by Joaquín Nin [the early 20th-century Cuban composer] which, though not written in the Renaissance or baroque period, is a beautiful example of a minuet. So we have everything from gavottes to tarantellas to tangos on the album. It really illustrates my feeling that music and dance are inseparable, and that asking, ‘Which came first?’ is like asking, ‘Was it the chicken or the egg?’”

Said’s life could have taken a very different course if she had stayed in Cairo in 2009 instead of coming to

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- 2 I touch frames for picture (5)
- 3 Maybe person giving vaccines to rabbit (6)
- 4 Deceive gangster with tattoo (8)
- 5 Most cheerful relatives in junket on vacation (9)

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Solutions in tomorrow's Times2

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Nesbitt’s back — still frowning, still glowering

Carol Midgley TV review



Bloodlands
BBC1
★★★★☆

Well, this is slightly awkward. The last time I wrote about *Bloodlands* I was awarding it the Christmas Turkey award for most disappointing TV drama of 2021, and carping that following the plot was like trying to nail an unappetising jelly to the wall. Now it’s back and this time with six episodes, which means enough people liked it to justify further outlay. So if it’s good I will have to eat my words along with a big slice of humble pie.

On the evidence so far I’m not getting the knife and fork out just yet.

While there is enough intrigue and weirdness to keep watching, there is still a lot of James Nesbitt glowering and frowning, then frowning and glowering, and looking angry even when he’s just, say, driving a car.

Did they use deep-fake technology to make him look young in that opening sequence from 1998, when his character, DCI Tom Brannick, killed two men and stole their guns and gold? His facial muscles were working overtime and I imagine his “11” frown lines were a bugger to airbrush. The way he brought a picture of his baby out of his pocket before summoning the strength to murder was a terrible B-movie signpost. The last series did have some strengths, but subtlety wasn’t one of them.

There was an odd tone to last night’s first episode. Brannick, the murdering detective known as “Goliath”, has bizarrely got away with his trail of corruption, despite having the sort of dodgy demeanour that would make me arrest him immediately. He seems already to know the glamorous Olivia Foyle (Victoria Smurfit), wife of the murdered accountant Colin Foyle, who was looking after his stolen gold. She is an intriguing character, if a little two-dimensional. And look, here are some good points about it: Nesbitt, despite the aforementioned gurning, lends a solid presence to a complicated plot. It makes a nice change to have a



James Nesbitt as the ruthless antihero cop DCI Tom Brannick

ruthless, serial-killer, antihero cop who the viewer doesn’t like rather than the usual gruff but heart-of-gold one (you can see Brannick talking out of both sides of his mouth).

I like the way it is shot and the fact that it can surprise you. There are slight flickers of humour too, such as when Brannick smirked lengthily when the nightclub bouncer said that Robert Dardis wanted to “ride [Olivia Foyle] like a stolen bike”.

Yet my issue with it hasn’t changed — it is unrelentingly down with few likeable characters. Does it matter if one enjoys the sidekicks more than the main draw, such as his partner, DS Niamh McGovern (Charlene McKenna), and the irascible boss DCS Jackie Twomey, played brilliantly and swearily by Lorcan Cranitch? He gets some of the best lines, and rightly so.

And what about the last series, when Brannick tried to frame Twomey for murder? There has only been the vaguest mention of all that business, as if Twomey has forgotten about it, which tells me this is a drama that cares more about plot than character.

If you didn’t see the fever dream of the first series you must wonder what the hell is going on. Anyway, although I’m mildly interested in whether the suspicious McGovern will bring Brannick to book and will stick with it to find out, I’m not ready for a slice of humble pie just yet.

Radio choice
Ben Dowell

Book at Bedtime
Radio 4, 10.45pm

The author and broadcaster Natalie Haynes, *above*, has made the most of her impeccable education: private school and classics at Christ’s College, Cambridge. Her latest book, *Stone Blind*, returns to the ancient world and the Medusa myth, retelling the story from the female perspective. It’s brought nicely to life in this adaptation read by Susannah Fielding. Zeus is portrayed as a bit of a sexually incontinent idiot, while the Gorgon sisters turn out to be emblems of female solidarity. There is nothing new in this kind of feminist reimagining, but this ten-part series is witty and concise enough.

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Radio 2

FM: 88-90.2 MHz

6.30am Zoe Ball **9.30** Gary Davies **10.45** Jeremy Vine. Featuring coverage of the State Funeral of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II **11.00** The State Funeral of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Coverage from Westminster Abbey **11.55** Jeremy Vine. Coverage of the State Funeral of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II **2.00pm** Steve Wright **5.00** Sara Cox **7.00** Jo Whitley **9.00** Trevor Nelson **12.00** OJ Borg **2.30am** One Hit Wonders with OJ Borg **3.00** Pick of the Pops (r) **4.00** Early Breakfast Show

Radio 3

FM: 90.2-92.4 MHz

6.30am Breakfast
Petroc Trelawny presents the breakfast show, featuring listener requests. Including **7.00, 8.00** News. **7.30, 8.30** News headlines **9.00 Essential Classics**
Georgia Mann presents music and features **11.00 The State Funeral of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II**
Live coverage of the processions and service from Westminster Abbey **12.00 Essential Classics**
Georgia Mann presents a selection of music and features **1.00pm A Sequence of Music with Penny Gore**
A selection of classical pieces **4.00 The Service of Committal of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II**
Live coverage of the procession and service from St George’s Chapel, Windsor

5.00 In Tune
Sean Rafferty is joined by the pianist Angela Hewitt, who performs live in the studio. Including **5.00, 6.00** News

7.00 In Tune Mixtape
A sequence of pieces with links to British royalty down the ages, including musical tributes to the first Queen Elizabeth of England and a serenade celebrating the New Elizabethan Age in 1952. Plus, a lullaby from Arnold Bax, Elizabeth I’s first Master of the Queen’s Music, as well as Beethoven’s exuberant variations on *God Save the King*; and a piece by Queen Victoria’s favourite Felix Mendelssohn

7.30 BBC Singers: Songs of Farewell
On the evening of the state funeral for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Danielle Jalowiecka presents a programme of reflective choral music sung by the BBC Singers. Recorded in the chapel of King’s College, Cambridge, Stephen Cleobury conducts the BBC Singers and BBC Concert Orchestra in a performance of Maurice Duruflé’s *Requiem*, alongside a recording by the chief conductor Sofi Jeannin of Hubert Parry’s six motets that make up the *Songs of Farewell*. Duruflé (*Requiem*); Kristina Arakelyan (*Echo from Seascapes*); Imogen Holst (*A Hymn to Christ*); Kerensa Briggs (*Hear My Prayer*); and Parry (*Songs of Farewell*)

9.00 Composer of the Week: Emilie Mayer (1812-1883)
Donald Macleod explores the life and work of the German composer, who was known in her lifetime as the female Beethoven and considered by some to be the most prolific female composer of the Romantic period. Mayer (*Overture in C; Piano Sonata in D minor — excerpt; Piano Quartet in E flat — Allegro; and Symphony No 1 in C minor — Adagio — Allegro*) (r)

10.00 Music Matters
Tom Service talks to the composer John Adams about his new opera *Antony and Cleopatra* with a libretto adapted from Shakespeare, Virgil and the *Egyptian Book of the Dead* (r)

10.45 The Essay: Coming Home
The author Helen Cross is the first of five people sharing memories of Birmingham, reflecting on its club scene in the 1990s and how an encounter with an oil painting in the city’s Museum and Art Gallery led her to feel at home (r)

11.00 Night Tracks
Sara Mohr-Pietsch presents an adventurous, immersive soundtrack for late-night listening

12.30am Through the Night

Radio 4

FM: 92.4-94.6 MHz LW: 198kHz MW: 720 kHz

5.30am News Briefing
5.43 Prayer for the Day
A reflection and prayer on the day of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II’s funeral, with the Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell

5.45 Farming Today
5.58 Tweet of the Day (r)

6.00 Today
News headlines and analysis presented by Nick Robinson and Martha Kearney

9.00 The State Funeral of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II
Martha Kearney presents live coverage of the key events in London and Windsor. Allan Little will be inside Westminster Abbey, with analysis from Royal Correspondent Jonny Dymond and commentary from different points along the procession route from Ken Bruce, Mishal Husain, Emma Barnett, Clive Myrie, Adele Roberts, John Murray, Mike Costello, Rachel Burden, Nuala McGovern, Chris Mason, Jamie Coomarasamy, Andrea Catherwood and James Naughtie

1.30pm The World at One
2.30 The Service of Committal of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II
Eleanor Oldroyd presents live coverage of the procession and Service from St George’s Chapel, Windsor, with commentary from different points along the procession route from Naga Munchetty, Paddy O’Connell, Alistair Bruce-Ball, Julian Worricker, Anna Foster and Tony Livesey

5.00 PM
Presented by Evan Davis

5.54 (LW) Shipping Forecast
6.00 Six O’Clock News
6.30 North by Northamptonshire
Comedy written by and starring Katherine Jakeways, narrated by Sheila Hancock, with John Biggins, Mackenzie Crook, Kevin Eldon and Geoffrey Palmer (2/6) (r)

7.00 The Archers
Shula stands up for a friend and Jim proves he can always be relied on

7.15 Front Row
Samira Ahmed presents a celebration of the music and life of the composer Ralph Vaughan Williams, whose work draws on a love of traditional English folk song

8.00 Beyond Belief
The place of faith in the modern world (r)

8.30 Crossing Continents
South Korea’s status as one of the most stressed and tired nations on Earth and how the problem has attracted the attentions of big business (3/10) (r)

9.00 Batman and Ethan
A blind man who “sees” through echo location teaches a boy his skills (r)

9.30 Cold as a Mountain Top
Robert Macfarlane explores the peaks of Scotland with the aid of WH Murray’s influential book *Mountaineering in Scotland*, which was written from memory while a prisoner of war (r)

10.00 The World Tonight
Presented by Ritula Shah

10.45 Book at Bedtime: Stone Blind
By Natalie Haynes, read by Susannah Fielding. *See Radio Choice* (1/10)

11.00 In Suburbia
Ian Hislop compares Ealing with the suburbs of the late 19th-century (3/3) (r)

11.30 The Psalms
Some of the most beautiful poetry in the Bible is in the *Book of Psalms*. Here, the Oscar-winning actor Jeremy Irons reads from The King James version, starting between *Psalms 1 and Psalm 29* (1/4) (r)

12.00 News and Weather
12.30am Book of the Week: Fen, Bog & Swamp
By Annie Proulx. A history of the world’s wetlands, their ecological role and what their destruction means for the planet. Abridged by Patricia Cumper and read by Lorelei King (1/5) (r)

12.48 Shipping Forecast
1.00 As BBC World Service

Radio 4 Extra

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8.00am Round the Horne **8.30** Poetry Extra **9.00** Desert Island Discs **9.45** David Attenborough’s Life Stories **10.00** September Tide **11.00** TED Radio Hour **11.50** The Frederica Quartet — Omnibus **1.00pm** Paul Temple and the Jonathan Mystery **1.30** Agatha Raisin **2.00** Dr Hannah Fry: Codebreaker **3.00** TBA **6.00** The Slide **6.30** A Good Read **7.00** Round the Horne. Kenneth Horne investigates nocturnal doings **7.30** Yes Minister. Jim Hacker struggles to rid himself of problems with badgers **8.00** Paul Temple and the Jonathan Mystery. Thriller by Francis Durbridge **8.30** Agatha Raisin. Part two of two. Mystery by MC Beaton. Last in the series **9.00** TED Radio Hour. Manoush Zomorodi talks to the musician Jacob Collier **9.50** Inheritance Tracks. With the BBC weather presenter Carol Kirkwood **10.00** Comedy Club: Mark Steel’s in Town. The comedian visits Salisbury in Wiltshire **10.30** Rubbish. Martin goes on a sponsored walk

11.00 Chain Reaction. Arabella Weir turns her hand to interviewing and speaks with Paul Whitehouse **11.30** Lionel Nimrod’s Inexplicable World. Comedy with Stewart Lee

Radio 5 Live

MW: 693, 909

6.00am 5 Live Breakfast **9.00** 5 Live News **11.00** TBA **1.30pm** Nihal Arthanayake **5.00** 5 Live Drive **8.00** 5 Live News. Mark Champman with coverage following the death of Queen Elizabeth II **9.00** Colin Murray **12.00** TBA **1.00am** Dotun Adebayo

talkSPORT

MW: 1053, 1089 kHz

5.00am Early Breakfast **6.00** talkSPORT Breakfast with Laura Woods **10.00** Jim White and Simon Jordan **1.00pm** Hawksbee and Jacobs **4.00** talkSPORT Drive with Andy Goldstein and Darren Bent **7.00** Kick Off. Debating all the big sporting issues **10.00** Sports Bar **1.00am** Extra Time

TalkRadio

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5.00am James Max **6.30** The Julia Hartley-Brewer Breakfast Show **10.00** The Independent Republic of Mike Graham **1.00pm** Ian Collins **4.00** Vanessa Feltz **7.00** The News Desk **8.00** Piers Morgan Uncensored **9.00** The Talk **10.00** Daisy McAndrew **11.00** Piers Morgan Uncensored **12.00** Petrie Hosken **4.00am** The Talk

6 Music

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5.00am 6 Music **8.00** 6 Music **12.00** 6 Music **4.00pm** 6 Music **7.00** 6 Music **10.00** Focus Beats **12.00** Focus Beats **2.00am** Focus Beats **3.00** The Morning After Mix

Virgin Radio

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6.30am The Chris Evans Breakfast Show with Sky **10.00** Eddy Temple-Morris **1.00pm** Tim Cocker **4.00** Gaby Roslin **7.00** Steve Denyer **10.00** Olivia Jones **1.00am** Sean Goldsmith **4.00** Steve Denyer

Classic FM

FM: 100-102 MHz

6.00am More Music Breakfast **9.00** Alexander Armstrong **12.00** Lucy Coward **4.00pm** John Brunning **7.00** Smooth Classics at Seven **10.00** Smooth Classics **1.00am** Bill Overton **4.00** Early Breakfast

tonight when Ben Spicer's specialist subject is the drama *Peaky Blinders* (he dresses up as one of the Shelby gang). It is followed by *Only Connect* (8pm) and *University Challenge* (8.30pm), where the outgoing presenter, Jeremy Paxman, fires questions at Coventry University and Cardiff University.

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7PM		<p>7.00 Mastermind New series. Clive Myrie returns with the quiz as it marks its 50th anniversary. <i>See Viewing Guide</i></p> <p>7.30 Only Connect Victoria Coren Mitchell hosts another first-round match as the Cryptics take on the Strigiformes in the quiz show. <i>See Viewing Guide</i></p>		<p>7.00 Channel 4 News Extended edition, including sport and weather</p>	<p>7.00 Police Interceptors The documentary follows an operation to stop a van suspected of carrying cocaine, while an officer activates stealth mode as he tracks down a thief fresh from the scene of a house burglary (r)</p>
8PM	<p>8.30 The State Funeral of HM Queen Elizabeth II: Events of the Day A look back at the day's events from Westminster Abbey and St George's Chapel in Windsor Castle, as Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II was laid to rest. Huw Edwards and Fergal Keane will be covering events from London, Kirsty Young and David Dimbleby will be in Windsor, Sophie Raworth will be at Parliament Square, Anita Rani at the Long Walk at Windsor and JJ Chalmers at Wellington Barracks</p>	<p>8.00 University Challenge In the fourth of the academic quiz's first-round matches, Coventry takes on Cardiff. <i>See Viewing Guide</i></p> <p>8.30 The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society (12, 2018) In London, 1946, author Juliet Ashton's career has taken off but she is not enjoying promoting her detective stories to eager audiences on a book tour. When she receives a letter from a Guernsey pig farmer inviting her to attend a meeting of his literary society, she eagerly accepts. What Juliet discovers about her new friends and their secrets leads to her staying on the island much longer than she planned. Drama starring Lily James, Tom Courtenay, Katherine Parkinson and Andy Gathergood</p>	<p>7.30 Queen Elizabeth II: A Nation Remembers The events of the past 10 days, from the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on Thursday 8th September to her state funeral today</p>	<p>8.00 Food Unwrapped Matt Tebbutt unbottles the mystery of wine sulphites and hangovers (AD)</p> <p>8.30 Jamie's One-Pan Wonders Jamie knocks out a flavour-packed, simple gnocchi supper, and spicy meatballs full of time-saving cheats (AD)</p> <p>8.55 Jamie's One-Pan Wonders</p>	<p>7.55 5 News Update</p> <p>8.00 Motorway Cops: Catching Britain's Speeders An inspector is baffled by the behaviour of a motorist who fails to stop, an officer races to deliver life-saving equipment to a motorist with a suspected heart attack, and a motorway collision has left two people stranded in the outside lane (5/8) (r)</p>
9PM			<p>9.00 Queen Elizabeth II: The Final Farewell A look back at the day's events, as Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II was laid to rest. Narrated by James Mates</p>	<p>9.00 24 Hours in A&E An 18-year-old is rushed to resus after coming off his motor scooter on his birthday, and doctors are concerned that he has internal bleeding (AD)</p>	<p>9.00 Police: Night Shift 999 An assault at a nightclub brings aggression and verbal abuse for police, and a homeless man goes on the run after threatening a crowd with a glass bottle (3/6) (r)</p>
10PM	<p>10.00 BBC News at Ten</p>	<p>10.30 Martin Compston's Scottish Fling The actor and Phil MacHugh head to the Western Isles (2/6) (r)</p>	<p>10.00 ITV News at Ten Tom Bradby presents a round-up of the day's events, as the state funeral of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II took place</p>	<p>9.50 First Dates Two divorcees go in search of a more successful match, and a woman who despairs of ever finding the right man finds her head turned from her date to another man in the restaurant (2/6) (r) (AD)</p>	<p>9.45 Casualty 24/7: Every Second Counts One of the department's new junior doctors treats a man with a suspected case of sepsis, that has been triggered by the tracheostomy tube he relies on to breathe (r)</p>
11PM	<p>11.00 BBC Regional News and Weather</p> <p>11.25 Ellie & Natasia The Brothers Pomodoro show off their cookbook, and there's a song about snakes (5/6) (r)</p> <p>11.40 Ellie & Natasia The Internet Nails gang hand out special awards (6/6) (r)</p> <p>11.55 The Hit List Celebrity Special A <i>Strictly</i> special of the music-based quiz show hosted by Marvin and Rochelle Humes. With Jamie Laing, Ugo Monye, AJ Odudu, Kai Widdrington, Sara Davies and Amy Dowden (1/5) (r)</p>	<p>11.00 All That Glitters: Britain's Next Jewellery Star The jewellers have to make a best-selling brooch inspired by Birmingham's rich culture and heritage, plus a totally bespoke ear cuff for Elliot to wear to a special LGBTQ+ event. With Katherine Ryan (4/6) (r)</p>	<p>10.50 Regional News</p> <p>11.00 Queen Elizabeth II: The Final Farewell A look back at the day's events, as Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II was laid to rest. Narrated by James Mates (r)</p>	<p>10.40 First Dates The actress Carol Cleveland arrives in the restaurant in search of love, and is paired up with an interior designer. A 26-year-old has never had a girlfriend and is yet to experience his first kiss (r) (AD)</p>	<p>10.30 999: Critical Condition The team treats a man who has sustained numerous traumatic injuries after being trapped upside down in his car following a crash, and a baby needs treatment after having a fit (2/12) (r)</p> <p>11.15 Wild Card (15, 2015) A Las Vegas bodyguard with a gambling problem finds himself on the wrong side of a mob boss. Action thriller starring Jason Statham and Michael Angarano</p>
Late	<p>12.45am-6.00 BBC News</p>	<p>12.00 Sign Zone: Celebrity MasterChef The five remaining contenders begin finals week, serving up afternoon tea for 12 famous guests at Alexandra Palace, before making a dish inspired by their childhood (r) (AD, SL) 1.00am-1.30 Mortimer & Whitehouse: Gone Fishing. The duo embark on a series of angling trips (r) (SL)</p>	<p>12.00-6.00 The Queen Remembered Taking a look back at the life of Queen Elizabeth II (r)</p>	<p>12.45am 999: On the Front Line (r) (AD) 1.35 My Grandparents' War: Kit Harrington (r) (AD, SL) 2.25 FILM: Pebbles (15, 2021) Indian drama 3.35 Grand Designs: The Streets (r) (AD, SL) 4.25 Couples Come Dine with Me (r) (AD, SL) 5.15 Find It, Fix It, Flog It (r) (AD) 5.20-6.10 Location, Location, Location (r)</p>	<p>1.00am Live NFL Monday Night Football: Philadelphia Eagles v Minnesota Vikings (Kick-off 1.30). Coverage of the week two fixture at Lincoln Financial Field 4.30 Entertainment News on 5 4.40 Wildlife SOS (r) (SL) 5.30 Peppa Pig (r) (AD, SL) 5.35 Paw Patrol (r) (SL) 5.50-6.00 Fireman Sam (r)</p>

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House of the Dragon

Sky Atlantic/Now, 9pm

After Princess Rhaenyra's nocturnal flit with her wicked uncle Daemon and his banishment, one salient fact emerged: she lost her cherry not with Daemon but with her handsome guard Ser Criston. Rhaenyra's furious father, King

Viserys, has sacked his scheming hand Otto Hightower and banished Daemon back to the wife he ungallantly compares to farmyard animals. Rhaenyra now has to do her duty, and tonight there is a Westerosi wedding. It's a blood-pumping, blood-spilling night before important cast changes in next week's episode.

Britain's Greatest Obsessions

Sky History/Now, 9pm

This amiable chat show format finds the Madness frontman Suggs in the chairman's seat, discussing pubs. Our man has a long, happy acquaintance with the British boozier: they feel like home, he says, and without them his band wouldn't have

had the opportunity for live performance. He chin-wags with guests — Harry Hill, Reginald D Hunter, Liza Tarbuck, Chris Packham and Lorraine Kelly — and looks at the history of beer and women's role in brewing, and discusses with the musician Frank Turner the importance of Camden's pub scene.

Sisterhood

Channel 4, 11.55pm

To wind down from a momentous day in our island's story, this Icelandic noir may be the ticket. When skeletal remains are found in a quarry outside the small town of Olafsvik, news about the discovery is broadcast nationally, and three women

clearly know something about it. They are the nurse Karlotta, who is in recovery from alcohol dependency, the busy priest Elisabet and the restaurant chef Anna, who is about to open a catering service. Inevitably dark secrets from the past link all three, and if you want to find out what they are, the six-parter is up as a box set on All 4.

Film Paddington 2

BBC1, 6.50pm

This sequel begins where the 2014 film *Paddington* left off, with our fluffy hero (voiced by Ben Whishaw) ensconced in the home of the Brown family. Hugh Grant is magnificent as the failed-actor villain Phoenix Buchanan. (PG, 2017)

Sky Max

6.00am Highway Patrol (r) **6.30** Stargate SG-1 (r) **8.30** Rob & Romesh vs NBA Basketball (r) **9.30** The Ultimate Romcom Movies (r) (AD) **10.30** The Funeral of Queen Elizabeth II (r) **1.30pm** Anthony Joshua vs Rob & Romesh 2 (r) (AD) **2.30** Flintoff: From Lord's to the Ring (r) **5.30** Stargate SG-1. O'Neill contracts a virus from a woman who has been frozen in ice (r) **6.30** Stargate SG-1. A town hides a secret (r) **7.30** Cricket's Funniest Moments (r) **8.00** Resident Alien. Harry and Asta's trip is interrupted by an uninvited relative (r) (AD) **10.00** Brassic. Chinese Dan gives his retired racing greyhound to Cardi (r) (AD) **11.00** A League of Their Own. With Clara Amfo and Ellie Taylor (r) (AD) **12.00** The Ultimate Romcom Movies (r) (AD) **1.00am** NCIS: New Orleans (r) **3.00** Hawaii Five-0 (r) **4.00** MacGyver (r) **5.00** Highway Patrol (r)

Sky Atlantic

6.00am Urban Secrets (r) **7.45** Boardwalk Empire (r) (AD) **10.00** Micro Monsters with David Attenborough (r) (AD) **10.30** The Funeral of Queen Elizabeth II (r) **1.30pm** Richard E Grant's Hotel Secrets (r) (AD) **3.30** Boardwalk Empire (r) (AD) **5.45** The Sopranos (r) **6.50** The Sopranos. Silvio and Ralph try to ensure the parade runs smoothly (r) **7.55** Game of Thrones. Daenerys arrives in Slaver's Bay looking to form an army (r) (AD) **9.00** House of the Dragon. *Game of Thrones* prequel following the story of House Targaryen, set 200 years before the events of the fantasy saga. *See Viewing Guide* (r) **10.10** Gangs of London. Darren wrestles with the chaos he has unleashed (r) (AD) **11.15** House of the Dragon. *Game of Thrones* prequel following the story of House Targaryen. Paddy Considine and Matt Smith star (r) **12.25am** The Nevers (r) (AD) **1.40** Irma Vep (r) **2.45** I Hate Suzie (r) (AD) **3.30** In Treatment (r) **4.00** Urban Secrets (r)

Sky Documentaries

6.00am Urban Secrets (r) **7.00** Discovering: Laurence Harvey (r) **8.00** The Directors (r) **9.00** The 2000s (r) **10.00** Premier League Legends (r) (AD) **10.30** Live The Funeral of Queen Elizabeth II (r) **1.30pm** Tony Hawk: Until the Wheels Fall Off (r) **4.00** The Directors (r) **5.00** Discovering: Laurence Harvey. The life of the actor (r) **6.00** The 2000s. The presidential campaign and election of Barack Obama in 2008 (r) **6.50** Allen v. Farrow. Documentary (r) **8.00** The Vietnam War. Surprise attacks (r) **9.00** FILM: **Lennox — The Untold Story (15, 2020)** The life story of the boxer (AD) **11.00** FILM: **LFG (PG, 2021)** A focus on the US women's national soccer team (AD) **1.00am** FILM: **76 Days (15, 2021)** The initial outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic in Wuhan **3.00** FILM: **You Cannot Kill David Arquette (15, 2020)** Documentary following the actor as he begins a professional wrestling career (AD) **4.45** My Icon: Linford Christie (r) (AD) **5.00** The Vietnam War (r)

Sky Arts

6.00am A London Dream **7.00** Rachmaninov: Rhapsody/The Two Pigeons **9.00** Live The Funeral of Queen Elizabeth II. Coverage of the funeral of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II **5.00pm** Treasures of the British Library **6.00** Alfred Hitchcock Presents **6.30** Alfred Hitchcock Presents **7.00** Inside Art: Glyn Philpot at Pallant House. The first major exhibition of work by the British artist in nearly 40 years **7.30** André Rieu: Welcome to My World. The violinist's tour of Australia **8.30** FILM: **The Lost Leonardo (2020)** Documentary exploring the case of the missing Salvator Mundi (AD) **10.25** Comedy Legends **11.25** The South Bank Show. Frank Skinner **1.00am** Mystery of the Lost Paintings (AD) **2.00** Royal Academy: Painting the Future **3.30** Inside Art: Glyn Philpot at Pallant House **4.00** Neil Gaiman's Likely Stories (AD) **5.00** Tate Britain's Great Art Walks

Sky Main Event

6.00am Sky Sports News **9.00** Live The Funeral of Queen Elizabeth II. Coverage from Westminster Abbey and St George's Chapel in Windsor Castle, as Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II is laid to rest **10.30** Live The Funeral of Queen Elizabeth II. Coverage from Westminster Abbey and St George's Chapel in Windsor Castle **1.30pm** Live The Funeral of Queen Elizabeth II. Coverage from Westminster Abbey and St George's Chapel in Windsor Castle **5.00** Sky Sports News. Round-up of sports news **12.00** Live NFL: Buffalo Bills v Tennessee Titans (Kick-off **12.15**). Coverage of the week two match from Highmark Stadium. Both these teams reached the divisional play-offs last season after progressing through the wild card play-offs, but their Super Bowl hopes were ended by Kansas City Chiefs and Cincinnati Bengals respectively **3.30am** Live NFL: Philadelphia Eagles v Minnesota Vikings (Kick-off **1.30**). The week two match at Lincoln Financial Field **4.30** Sky Sports News

Variations

BBC1 N Ireland
As **BBC1** except: **11.25pm** The Hotel People **12.25am** Ellie & Natasia. The Brothers Pomodoro return to show off their new cookbook (r) **12.40** Ellie & Natasia. The Internet Nails gang hand out special awards. Last in the series (r) **12.55** The Hit List Celebrity Special. A *Strictly* special of the music-based quiz show, hosted by Marvin and Rochelle Humes. With Jamie Laing, Ugo Monye, AJ Odudu, Kai Widdrington, Sara Davies and Amy Dowden (r) **1.40-6.00** BBC News
BBC1 Scotland
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BBC1 Wales
As **BBC1** except: **11.25pm** TBA **11.55** Ellie & Natasia. The Brothers Pomodoro return to show off their new cookbook **12.10am** Ellie & Natasia. The Internet Nails gang hand out special awards, and there is an east London candle workshop. Last in the series **12.25** RuPaul's Drag Race UK **12.50-6.00** News
BBC2 Wales
As **BBC2** except: **7.00pm-7.30** X-Ray (r) **8.30** Mastermind **9.00-11.00** FILM: The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society

STV
As **ITV** except: **10.50pm-11.00** STV News

BBC Scotland
7.00pm Beechgrove. George Anderson and Calum Clunie check out more of what the garden has produced this year (r) **7.30** Loggerheads (r) **8.00** Scotland's Home of the Year. Judges Michael Angus, Anna Campbell-Jones and Kate Spiers come together to consider all seven finalists and reveal the winner. Last in the series (r) (AD) **9.00** The Nine **10.00** River City. Caitlin's debut on Shieldinch Community Radio threatens to end in disaster after her confidence is knocked by Ash. Meanwhile, Alex seeks advice from an unlikely source (AD) **10.30** Priest School. Rare access to the inner workings, personnel, seminars and history of the oldest Scottish institution abroad — II Pontificio College Scozzese, The Scots College in Rome (r) **11.30-12.00** Loop (r)

BBC Alba
6.00am Alba Today **7.30pm** An Là (News) **8.00** A' Bhanrigh Ealasaid II **8.30** Gàrradh Phàdruig (r) **9.05** Trusadh — Bardachd Ghaidhlig/Gaelic Poetry **10.05** Cuirm/Celtic **11.00** An Sgoil Bheag Mu Dheireadh **11.55** Dan **12.00-6.00am** Alba Today

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6.00am Cyw: Blociau Rhif (r) **6.05** Do Re Mi Dona (r) **6.20** Sam Tân (r) **6.30** Sbarc (r) **6.45** Anifeiliaid Bach y Byd (r) **6.55** Cwylion Bach **7.00** Sigldigwt (r) **7.15** Odo (r) **7.25** Oconots (r) **7.40** Awyr Iach (r) **8.00** Ty Mèl (r) **8.10** Halibaw (r) **8.20** Rapsgaliwn (r) **8.35** Sion y Chef (r) **8.45** Yr Ysgol (r) **9.00** Y Crads Bach (r) **9.05** Stiwl (r) **9.20** Bach a Mawr (r) **9.30** Patrol Pawennau (r) **9.45** Gwdihw (r) **10.00** Blociau Rhif (r) **10.05** Anifeiliaid Bach y Byd (r) **10.15** Awyr Iach (r) **10.30** News: Angladd y Frenhines **1.30pm** Glannau Cymru o'r Awyr (r) **3.45** 24 Awr: Tomi Roberts-Jones **4.00** Awr Fawr: Blociau Rhif (r) **4.05** Odo (r) **4.15** Gwdihw (r) **4.30** Sion y Chef (r) **4.45** Awyr Iach (r) **5.00** Stwnsh: Dennis a Dannedd (r) **5.10** Bwystfll (r) **5.20** Angelo am Byth (r) **5.30** Kung Fu Panda (r) **5.55** Ffeil **6.00** Bex **6.20** Codi Hwyl (r) **6.50** Rownd a Rownd (r) (AD) **7.30** News; Weather **8.00** Sgwrs Dan y Lloer **8.30** Garddio a Mwy **9.00** Cefn Gwlad. Following the farmers, teachers, plumbers and shop workers that make up Hermon Women's Tug of War team, as they prepare for this year's Welsh National Championships (AD) **9.30** Rali Ceredigion **10.30** Sgorio **11.00-12.05am** Y Llinell Las (r)

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TalkTV

6.00am Remembering The Queen with James Max. Continued coverage following the death of Her Majesty The Queen, with James Max **6.30** Farewell to Her Majesty with Julia Hartley-Brewer **10.00** The Funeral of Queen Elizabeth II: with Mike Graham and Rupert Bell. Full coverage of the funeral of Queen Elizabeth II **1.00pm** The Journey to Windsor: with Ian Collins. The Queen's coffin is taken to her final resting place within the grounds of Windsor Castle **4.00** The Committal Service: with Vanessa Feltz. The presenter pays tribute to the country's longest serving monarch as Queen Elizabeth II's committal service begins **7.00** The News Desk with Tom Newton Dunn. The host tackles the biggest stories of the day with a packed hour of news, expert analysis, debate and exclusives from across the UK **8.00** TalkTV: Farewell to Her Majesty. Piers Morgan hosts a special extended show, as the world comes together to pay their final respects **10.00** Remembering the Queen with James Whale. Taking a look back **12.00** Petrie Hosken **4.00am** Petrie Hosken **5.00** James Max. Early breakfast show

ITV2

6.00am Good Morning Britain **9.30** Queen Elizabeth II: The State Funeral; Weather. Tom Bradby and Julie Etchingham present coverage from Westminster Abbey and St George's Chapel in Windsor Castle, as Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II is laid to rest **6.00pm** Regional News. Updates **6.30** ITV News. A round-up of the headlines **7.30** Queen Elizabeth II: A Nation Remembers. The events of the past 10 days, from the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on Thursday 8th September to her state funeral today **9.00** Queen Elizabeth II: The Final Farewell. James Mates narrates a look back at the day's events, as Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II was laid to rest **10.00** ITV News at Ten. Tom Bradby presents a round-up of the day's events, as the state funeral of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II took place **11.00** Queen Elizabeth II: The Final Farewell. A look back at the day's events, as Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II was laid to rest **12.00** The Queen Remembered

BBC4

7.00pm Great American Railroad Journeys. Michael Portillo begins a journey across Alaska **8.00** Art of Persia. The broadcaster and journalist Samira Ahmed reveals how Iran preserved its distinctive language and culture despite the Arab conquest of Persia **9.00** The Search for a New Earth. Stephen Hawking is joined by the engineering expert Danielle George and former student Christophe Galfard to examine the possibility of humans inhabiting other planets **10.30** Clydebuilt: The Ships That Made the Commonwealth. David Hayman tells the stories of four vessels built in Glasgow shipyards that helped Britain forge links with Commonwealth countries, beginning with the Cutty Sark **11.30** Ian Hislop's Fake News: A True History. The Private Eye editor explores the history of dishonest news reporting over the past 200 years and the influence of technology, from early trick photography to modern deepfakes **12.30am** The Celts: Blood, Iron and Sacrifice with Alice Roberts and Neil Oliver. The La Tene culture **1.30** Great American Railroad Journeys **2.30-3.30** Art of Persia (SL)

ITV3

6.00am Good Morning Britain **9.30** Queen Elizabeth II: The State Funeral. Tom Bradby and Julie Etchingham present coverage from Westminster Abbey and St George's Chapel in Windsor Castle, as Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II is laid to rest **6.00pm** Regional News. Updates **6.30** ITV News. A round-up of the headlines **7.30** Queen Elizabeth II: A Nation Remembers. The events of the past 10 days, from the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on Thursday 8th September to her state funeral today **9.00** Queen Elizabeth II: The Final Farewell. James Mates narrates a look back at the day's events, as Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II was laid to rest **10.00** ITV News at Ten. Tom Bradby presents a round-up of events, as the state funeral of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II took place **10.45** Regional News. Updates **11.00** Queen Elizabeth II: The Final Farewell. A look back at the day's events, as Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II was laid to rest (r) **12.00** The Queen Remembered

Talking Pictures

6.00am Get Some In! **6.30** Reel Stories: The Projectionists **7.40** FILM: **Woman Hater (U, 1948)** Romantic comedy starring Stewart Granger (b/w) **9.45** FILM: **Dragonwyck (PG, 1946)** Gothic drama starring Gene Tierney (b/w) **11.50** Look at Life **12.00** FILM: **Fantastic Voyage (U, 1966)** Sci-fi adventure starring Raquel Welch **2.00pm** Rooms **3.00** FILM: **The Woman in Question (PG, 1950)** Thriller with Dirk Bogarde (b/w) **4.50** Discover Britain by Train **5.00** The Footage Detectives **6.00** FILM: **Rogue's Yarn (U, 1957)** Crime drama starring Nicole Maurey (b/w) **7.35** The Coach Travellers in 1965 **8.00** Gideon's Way. The detective suspects a man accused of murder is being framed (b/w) **9.00** FILM: **Eyewitness (15, 1981)** Thriller starring William Hurt and Sigourney Weaver **11.00** Secret Army. A group of fugitives is shot **12.05am** FILM: **The Amazing Howard Hughes (PG, TVM, 1977)** Biopic starring Tommy Lee Jones and Ed Flanders **2.40** FILM: **Phase IV (PG, 1974)** Sci-fi horror starring Nigel Davenport **4.20** Honey West (b/w) **4.50** The Edgar Wallace Mystery Theatre

ITV4

6.00am Good Morning Britain **9.30** Queen Elizabeth II: The State Funeral. Tom Bradby and Julie Etchingham present from Westminster Abbey and St George's Chapel in Windsor Castle, as Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II is laid to rest **6.00pm** Regional News. Updates **6.30** ITV News. A round-up of the headlines **7.30** Queen Elizabeth II: A Nation Remembers. The events of the past 10 days, from the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on Thursday 8th September to her state funeral today **9.00** Queen Elizabeth II: The Final Farewell. James Mates narrates a look back at the day's events, as Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II was laid to rest **10.00** ITV News at Ten. A fresh perspective on the major stories of the day, featuring national and international news, with reports and analysis from ITV's correspondents **10.45** Regional News. Updates **11.00** Queen Elizabeth II: The Final Farewell. James Mates narrates a look back at the day's events, as Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II was laid to rest in London

Film4

11.00am **The Long Ships (PG, 1963)** Viking adventure starring Richard Widmark and Sidney Poitier **1.35pm** **Destry Rides Again (U, 1939)** Comedy Western with James Stewart and Marlene Dietrich (b/w) **3.25** **Hatari! (U, 1962)** The arrival of a beautiful photographer causes upheaval among a group of animal trappers travelling through the wilds of Africa. Comedy adventure with John Wayne (AD) **6.35** **Sahara (12, 2005)** An explorer searches for a treasure-laden American Civil War battleship believed to be in the Sahara. Adventure with Matthew McConaughey (AD) **9.00** **World War Z (15, 2013)** A UN investigator travels the world to find a cure for a zombie virus that is bringing human civilisation to an end. Thriller starring Brad Pitt **11.15** **Maze Runner: The Scorch Trials (12, 2015)** The children who escaped from a mysterious labyrinth journey through a dangerous wasteland. Sci-fi adventure sequel starring Dylan O'Brien and Kaya Scodelario (AD) **1.55am-4.00** **God's Own Country (15, 2017)** A young Yorkshire farmer falls for a migrant worker. Drama with Josh O'Connor (AD)

Drama

6.00am Teleshopping **7.30** Monarch of the Glen **8.25** The Bill **9.25** Classic Holby City **10.45** Casualty (AD) **11.45** The Bill **12.45pm** Classic EastEnders **2.20** Monarch of the Glen **3.20** A Place to Call Home **4.20** All Creatures Great and Small **5.20** Waiting for God **6.00** Are You Being Served? The department store undergoes an image change **6.40** 'Allo 'Allo! A British agent arrives **7.20** Last of the Summer Wine. Compo finds he has a love rival (AD) **8.00** Miss Marple. The sleuth visits the country house of an old friend's sister, where a heated argument culminates in a man being killed (AD) **10.25** New Tricks. An amateur sleuth who was a friend of Danny's is murdered, and he becomes convinced the secret to her death lies within the last case she was working on (9/10) (AD) **11.50** Spooks. Part one of two. Adam and Zaf track down an elite team of terrorists that has entered Britain, while Ros safeguards a group of Saudi princes. Starring Hermione Norris (6/10) **1.05am** Bad Girls **2.20** The Heart Guy **3.10** Waiting for God **4.00** Teleshopping

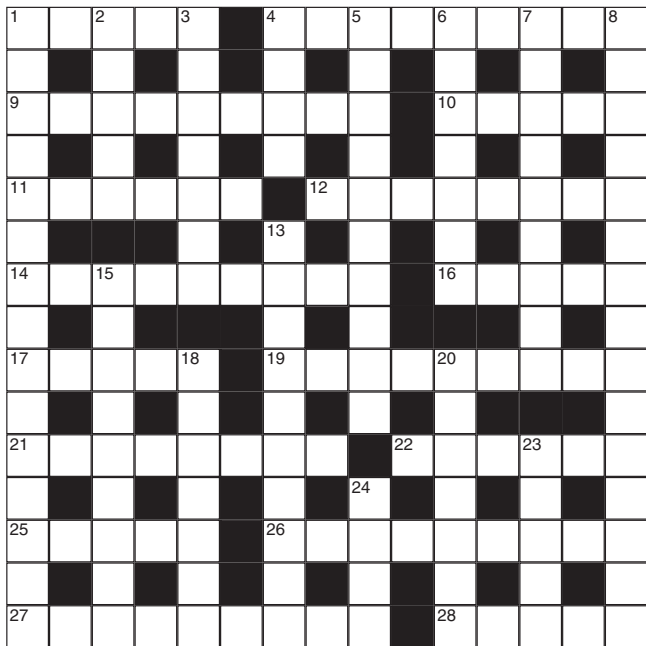
More4

8.55am Kirstie's Vintage Gems **9.15** A Place in the Sun: Home or Away **11.05** Find It, Fix It, Flog It **11.55** HM The Queen: Two Minutes' Silence **12.00** Find It, Fix It, Flog It **1.05** Heir Hunters **2.10** Four in a Bed **4.50** Find It, Fix It, Flog It **5.55** Car SOS (AD) **6.55** Escape to the Château (AD) **7.55** Wondrous Wales (AD) **9.00** Devon and Cornwall. The head gardener at Cornwall's Lost Gardens of Heligan sows a crop of meadow flowers (1/4) (AD) **10.00** Homes from Hell: Caught on Camera. Real-life footage reveals some of the dangers lurking inside homes, from bugs and the chaos caused by animals and children to dodgy DIY and conflict with neighbours (AD) **11.05** 24 Hours in A&E. The lives of patients facing adversity head-on, including a former cancer patient now battling an aggressive ear infection, and a charity fundraiser involved in a bicycle accident (6/8) (AD) **12.1-am** Shocking Emergency Calls. Documentary (AD) **1.00** Homes from Hell: Caught on Camera (AD) **1.55** 24 Hours in A&E (AD) **2.45-3.50** Food Unwrapped (AD)

Yesterday

6.05am Shipwreck Secrets **8.00** Top Gear (AD) **9.00** The World at War **10.00** War Factories **11.00** Abandoned Engineering (AD) **12.00** The Architecture of the Railways Built (AD) **1.00pm** Bangers and Cash **2.00** Abandoned Engineering (AD) **4.00** War Factories **5.00** The World at War **6.00** Top Gear. With the singer Olly Murs (AD) **7.00** Abandoned Engineering. The world's most impressive disused railway bridges, including the biggest wooden trestle bridge in the world, which was closed due to damage (3/6) (AD) **8.00** Abandoned Engineering. Exploring a series of vaults, hidden from view in Edinburgh, Scotland that tell a murky story of opportunity, crime and destitution (3/12) (AD) **9.00** The Buildings That Fought Hitler. The ring of steel and concrete that was thrown up around London (2/8) (AD) **10.00** Bangers and Cash. Derek struggles to get his message across on a rare trip abroad (3/10) **11.00** Abandoned Engineering. Exploring ship graveyards (4/6) (AD) **12.00** Top Gear. With the singer Olly Murs (AD) **1.00am** Shipwreck Secrets **3.00** Teleshopping

General Knowledge Crossword No 147



- Across**

1 Roman counterpart of Eros (5)

4 Tense BBC political drama that starred Richard Madden and Keeley Hawes (9)

9 Royal house to which Henry IV, V and VI belonged (9)

10 Phenomenon that exhibits characteristics of both waves and particles (5)

11 --- Beach, extensive stretch of shingle on the Dorset coast (6)

12 Popularly, one's canines (8)

14 Notorious spouse of the Roman emperor Claudius (9)

16 Form of communication that utilises the SMTP system (5)

17 Regulator of gas and electricity companies in Great Britain (5)

19 Bafta-winning actress in two John le Carré TV adaptations with Alec Guinness (5,4)

21 Puccini opera set in imperial China (8)
- Last week's solution**

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- Down**

22 --- Smollett, Scottish creator of Roderick Random (6)

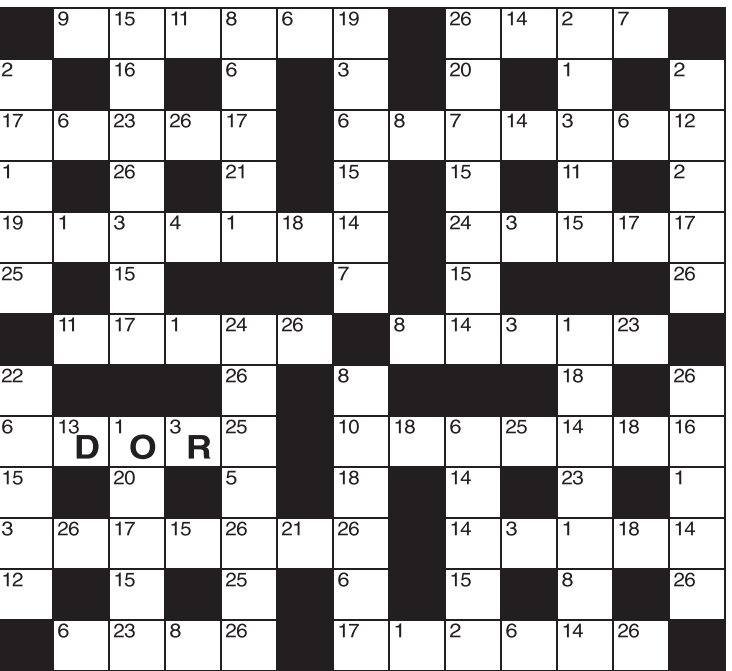
25 Onyx-like gemstone (5)

26 Wind instrument that has a comb and reed plates (9)

27 Name for a strong Norwegian tidal current, now applied to any large whirlpool (9)

28 Multi-Grammy-winning US rapper and producer (2,3)
- 1932 comic novel by Stella Gibbons (4,7,4)
- Pasta variety whose name means "quills" in Italian (5)
- Vocal partner of Elton John on the 2021 hit *Cold Heart* (3,4)
- City known as Aquae Sulis to the Romans (4)
- Film detective who poses the question "Do I feel lucky?" (5,5)
- Flat round cake or pancake in French cuisine (7)
- Constituent of concrete (9)
- Fungal infection of trees spread by bark beetles (5,3,7)
- Purported leader of Oceania in a 1949 dystopian novel (3,7)
- Commercially important grass, *Saccharum officinarum* (5,4)
- Band featuring Messrs Jones, Dolenz, Nesmith and Tork (7)
- Bloom, central protagonist of James Joyce's *Ulysses* (7)
- Epic poem recounting tales of the siege of Troy (5)
- One millionth of a tonne (4)

Codeword No 4697

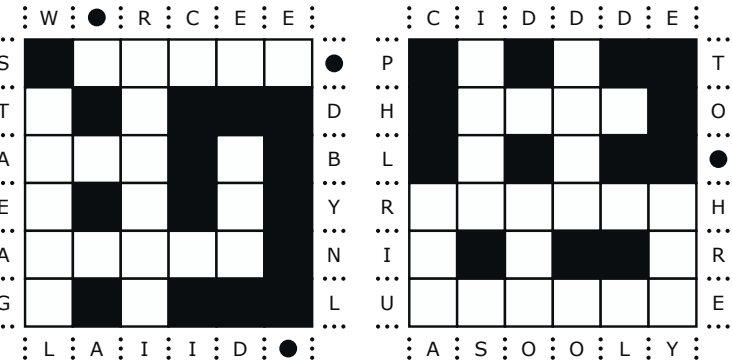


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Every letter in this crossword-style grid has been substituted for a number from 1 to 26. Each letter of the alphabet appears in the grid at least once. Use the letters already provided to work out the identity of further letters. Enter letters in the main grid and the smaller reference grid until all 26 letters of the alphabet have been accounted for. Proper nouns are excluded. *Saturday's solution, right*

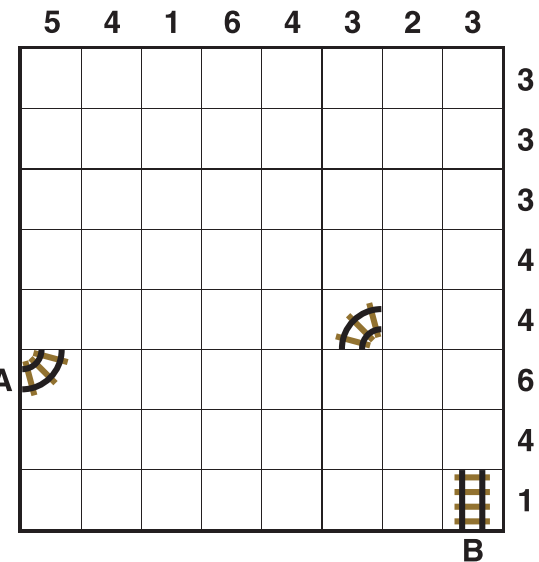
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Lexica No 6531 No 6532



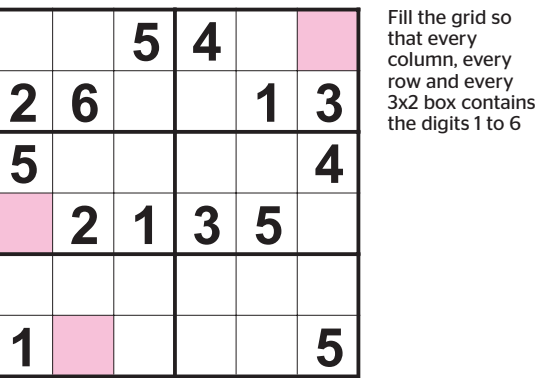
Slide the letters either horizontally or vertically back into the grid to produce a completed crossword. Letters are allowed to slide over other letters

Train Tracks No 1737

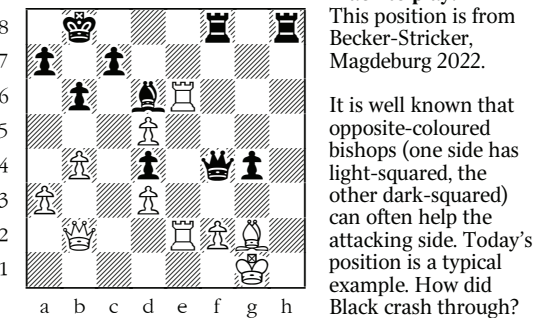


Lay tracks to enable the train to travel from village A to village B. The numbers indicate how many sections of rail go in each row and column. There are only straight rails and curved rails. The track cannot cross itself.

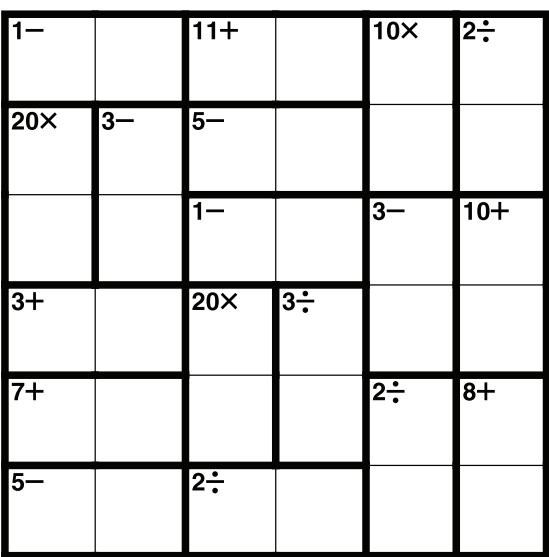
Mini Sudoku



Winning Move

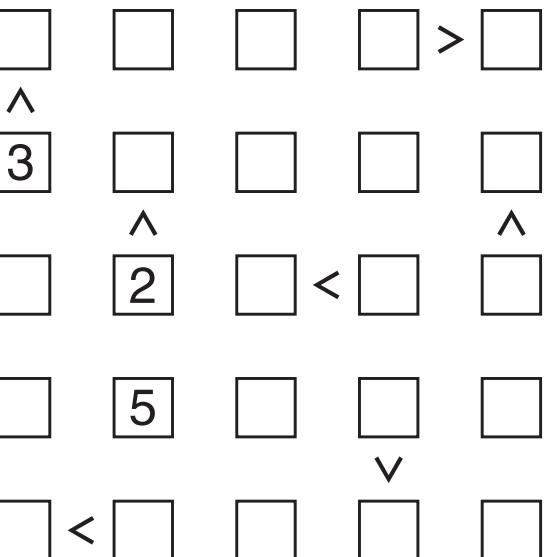


KenKen Easy No 5689



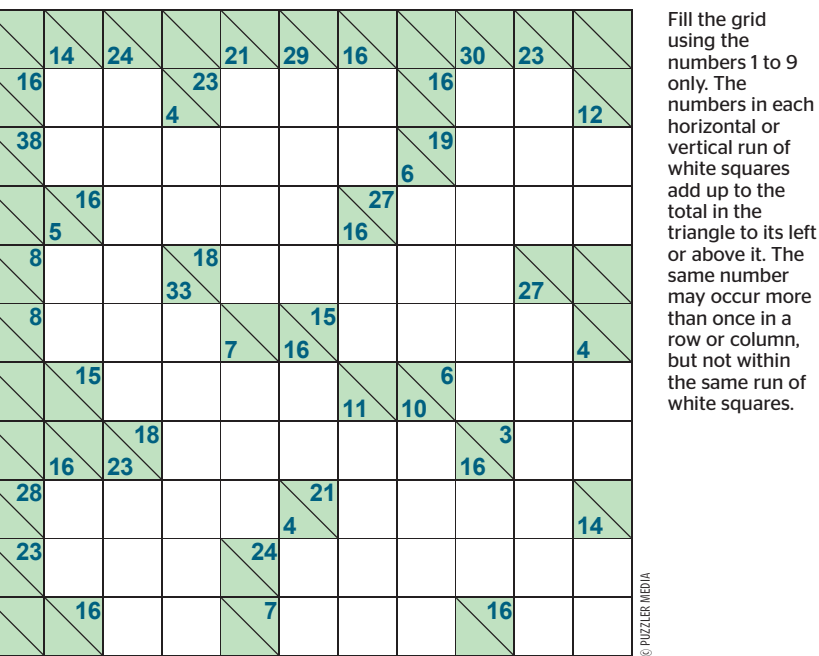
All the digits 1 to 6 must appear in every row and column. In each thick-line "block", the target number in the top left-hand corner is calculated from the digits in all the cells in the block, using the operation indicated by the symbol.

Futoshiki No 4306



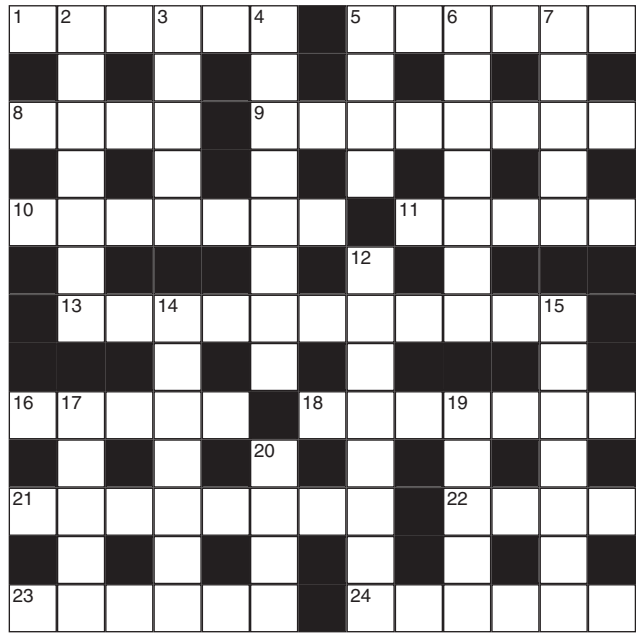
Fill the blank squares so that every row and column contains each of the numbers 1 to 5 once only. The symbols between the squares indicate whether a number is larger (>) or smaller (<) than the number next to it.

Kakuro No 3265



Fill the grid using the numbers 1 to 9 only. The numbers in each horizontal or vertical run of white squares add up to the total in the triangle to its left or above it. The same number may occur more than once in a row or column, but not within the same run of white squares.

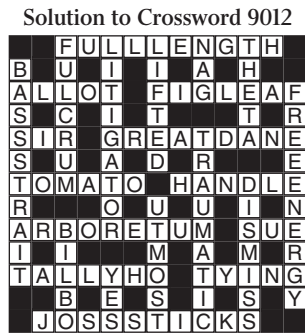
times2 Crossword No 9013



- Across
- 1 Feverish, agitated (6)
 - 5 Sell abroad (6)
 - 8 Outside limit (4)
 - 9 Many (8)
 - 10 Gained through toil and difficulty (4-3)
 - 11 Channel port (5)
 - 13 Constrict flow (in artery) (11)

- 16 Daring action (5)
- 18 Against the law (7)
- 21 Brine (8)
- 22 Fixing spike (4)
- 23 Defer (a plan) (6)
- 24 Former gold coin (6)

- Down
- 2 On end (7)
 - 3 Rough woollen cloth (5)
 - 4 Prove wrong (8)
 - 5 Trees (4)
 - 6 Garden climbing frame (7)
 - 7 Red powder (5)
 - 12 Large amphibian (8)
 - 14 Process of restoration (7)
 - 15 Inspect, study (7)
 - 17 Eg, molars (5)
 - 19 Feeling of boredom (5)
 - 20 Eyelid swelling (4)



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Bridge Andrew Robson

It's the classic decision after an opponent pre-empt 4♥. Pass, double, or bid 4♠. There's no right answer of course, only what works on that occasion.

Those who made the big bid of 4♠ did well on this deal from the Rosenblum Cup Teams at the 16th World Bridge Series in Wrocław. They had to play 4♠ well, mind.

As declarer, you win West's heart lead (say) in dummy and lead a spade to the eight, queen and king. You win West's second heart, cross to the ace of diamonds (hoping West does not hold ♦Jxxx, in which case you have created a loser) and lead dummy's second spade.

East wins his ace of spades and leads a third heart. You know from East's pre-empt that West is now heartless, so you ruff high. You cash your remaining top spade and, as you feared, the defence have promoted a third trump trick. Don't despair though.

Leaving West's master nine of spades outstanding, play out your diamond winners. West may discard on all of them, unwilling to lead from his king of clubs. But you now exit with a spade to West, whereupon his forced club can be run to your queen, thereby avoiding a loser. Ten tricks and game made.

On reflection, perhaps you should win the first heart in hand and lead the queen of spades. Even if West guesses to rise with the king (unpleasing if East has a bare ace) to lead a second heart, you are well-placed in dummy to lead up the second spade, rather than potentially muck up diamonds by crossing to the ace.

Dealer: East, Vulnerability: North-South

Teams

♠ 72
♥ K3
♦ A1097
♣ A9543

♠ 943
♥ 97
♦ 53
♣ KJ1082

N
W E
S

♠ A8
♥ QJ108542
♦ J64
♣ 7

♠ A6
♥ A6
♦ KQ82
♣ Q6

S W N E

4♥ (1)

4♠ (2) End

(1) Half the field opened 3♥, the more traditional, textbook call. Generally, it didn't work so well. South had a clearcut 3♠ overall, and North a 3NT response. After East's queen of hearts opening lead, West could win the first spade and lead his second heart, leaving East to win the second spade and cash hearts.

At favourable vulnerability, though, there is much to be said for opening 4♥. This will stymie an opponent with a strong balanced hand, the sort that bids 3NT over 3♥. That strong balanced hand cannot satisfactorily double 4♥ — for partner will often take it out rather than defend; nor can it bid 4NT — that would show the minors.

(2) Very close and could work out poorly. However, doubling (for take-out) will not locate a 5-3 spade fit, while a supine pass risks collecting 100 or 150 in non-vulnerable undertricks with a vulnerable game to be had. Note, if South does choose to double, North has a close choice between passing "and taking the money" — three down and 500 of it on this occasion; or bidding 4NT "pick a minor" (no good this time — the resulting 5♦ has no chance).

Contract: 4♠, Opening Lead: ♥9

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Brain Trainer

EASY 41 x 2 + 8 ^{4/5} OF IT + 5 ^{6/7} OF IT - 9 ^{2/3} OF IT + 13 x 2 ANSWER

MEDIUM 99 x 4 + 89 ^{+1/5} OF IT + 66 ^{+1/2} OF IT - 48 ^{25%} OF IT + 94 ^{3/5} OF IT ANSWER

HARDER 220 x 6 - 873 x 3 - 665 ^{50%} OF IT x 5 + 788 ^{5/6} OF IT + 757 ANSWER

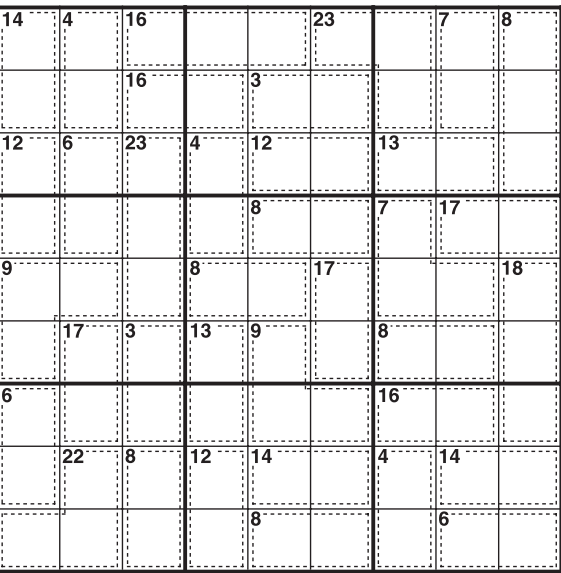
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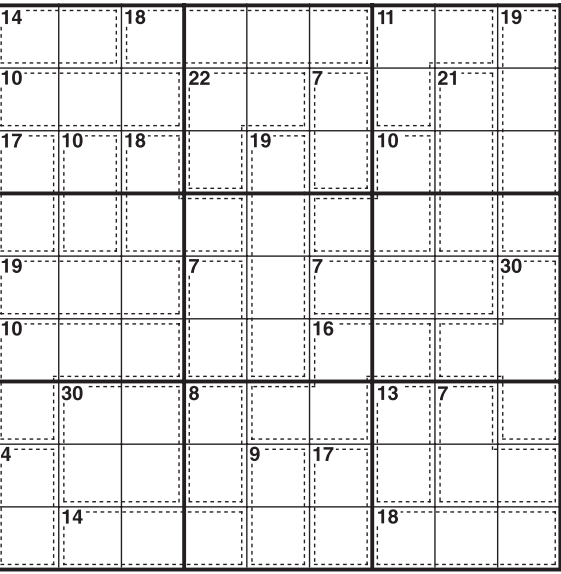
From these letters, make words of **three** or more letters, always including the central letter. Answers must be in the *Concise Oxford Dictionary*, excluding capitalised words, plurals, conjugated verbs (past tense etc), adverbs ending in LY, comparatives and superlatives. **How you rate** 12 words, average: 16, good; 23, very good; 30, excellent

Saturday's answers
arco, aria, arvo, asura, aura, auric, **avaricious**, carious, caviar, coir, crus, curio, iris, orca, oscar, ours, rusa, sari, savior, saviour, savor, savour, scar, scaur, scoria, scour, soar, sora, sour, sura, vair, various, varus, vicar, vicarious, virus, visor

Killer Gentle No 8501



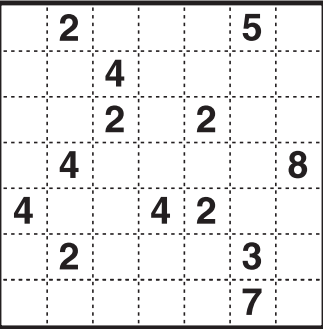
Killer Tricky No 8502



As with standard Sudoku, fill the grid so that every column, every row and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 to 9. Each set of cells joined by dotted lines must add up to the target number in its top-left corner. Within each set of cells joined by dotted lines, a digit cannot be repeated.

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Cell Blocks No 4580



Divide the grid into square or rectangular blocks, each containing one digit only. Every block must contain the number of cells indicated by the digit inside it.

Set Square No 3268

4 ÷ × = 12

× × × + = 23

- × - = 19

= 30 = 63 = 4

Enter each of the numbers from 1 to 9 in the grid, so that the six sums work. We've placed two numbers to get you started. Each sum should be calculated left to right or top to bottom.

Please note, BODMAS does not apply

Solutions

Quick Cryptic 2224
INFANTPRODIGY
S A I A R N O
P I N K G I N G E N U S
Y F H T A E E
B A T T E R I N G R A M
F R Y I I
A G E N D A A S C E N T
L E B A P E
S E D U C E R T H I E F
E Y O O I T A
T I L E R K N O W A L L
T A U E N P L
O R N A M E N T T H U S

Codeword 4696
B O T T O M E V E N
J R U A X D H
O D O U R R A P T U R E
U T P T R C F
S Q U I S H Y E V E N T
T N R S Y
A D A G E U S U R P
S I A A A
W A K E N B L A Z I N G
I A G A P N I
P S Y C H I C R E B E L
E A A U O O E
S K I M S I N E W Y

Kakuro 3264
5 7 5 1 2 3 4
3 7 9 8 3 2 4 1 6
1 9 8 6 5 3 1
8 6 1 3 3 1
3 4 8 7 9 1 5 2 3
1 2 5 6 9 8 3 5 1
1 3 2 1 5 7
1 3 5 1 7 9 2
9 8 4 2 1 3 9 8 1
7 9 2 1 3 8 6

Train Tracks 1736
A
B

Chess — Winning Move
1 ... Rh1+! 2 Bxh1 (2 Kxh1 Qh2 is immediate mate) 2 ... Qh2+ 3 Kf1 Qxh1 mate

Suko 3598
2 3 6
16 22
7 4 19
24 9
8 5 1

Square Routes 183
P L U M B
T E D G E
I P I A R
S O U T E
S P I G N

Brain Trainer
Easy 102; Medium 195; Harder 2,822

Cell Blocks 4579
4 3
2 8
4
2 2
5 4 2
6 2 5

Set Square 3267
7 × 8 + 9
- × -
3 + 4 ÷ 1
× × -
2 × 5 × 6

KenKen 5688
2 3 4 5 1 6
6 2 3 1 4 5
5 1 6 4 3 2
1 6 2 3 5 4
4 5 1 6 2 3
3 4 5 2 6 1

Word watch
Subulate (c) Tapering to a point (Collins)
Faitor (b) An impostor (Chambers)
Boondocks (a) Rough or isolated country (OED)

Futoshiki 4305
1 2 4 3 5
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2 1 5 4 3
3 4 1 5 2
5 > 3 2 1 4
4 < 5 3 2 1

Quintagram
1 Lane
2 Track
3 Bowler
4 Forward
5 Fast worker

Lexica 6529
T R I M W
O E A
P O R T L Y
T U
V E S T
H

Lexica 6530
C H I N E E
O U B
V I D E O
E E N
M A L A D Y

Tredoku 1751
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5 2 6 3 7 1 4 8 9 5 1
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9 4 8 3 1 5 7 6 2
5 3 6 7 9 2 8 1 4
2 1 7 8 6 4 3 5 9

Sudoku 13,496
6 4 1 5 8 2 3 9 7
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9 8 2 3 6 7 4 5 1
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1 7 6 8 2 3 5 4 9
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Killer 8500
3 1 8 5 7 6 4 2 9
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8 3 7 9 6 5 2 1 4
1 8 4 6 5 2 9 7 3
7 9 6 3 1 4 8 5 2
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Quiz
1 Bethlehem 2 Seven 3 Spit the Dog 4 Trafalgar Square 5 Champagne 6 The West Wing 7 Jimi Hendrix — solo and with the Jimi Hendrix Experience 8 Roy Plomley 9 Battle of the Plains of Abraham (1759) 10 Clark Gable and Carole Lombard 11 WH Auden 12 Paddy Considine 13 Ivan Bunin — in 1933 14 Tessa Sanderson 15 Prue Leith

MindGames

For extra
puzzles
See page 10

Word watch
David Parfitt

- Subulate**
a To change directly from solid to gas
b To redirect suppressed emotion
c Tapering to a point
- Faitor**
a A loyal companion
b An impostor
c A covering for the lower leg
- Boondocks**
a Rough or isolated country
b An exclamation of surprise
c A harbour for large vessels

Answers on page 15

Sudoku Easy No 13,497 Difficult No 13,498 Fiendish No 13,499

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Fill the grid so that every column, every row and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 to 9.

The Times Daily Quiz Olav Bjortomt

- 1 The gospels of Matthew and Luke agree that Jesus was born in which ancient town of Judaea?
- 2 A heptarchy is government by how many rulers?
- 3 Bob Carolgees is famed for operating which canine puppet sidekick?
- 4 The church St Martin-in-the-Fields is located on a corner of which London square?
- 5 The French merchant Charles Heidsieck is credited with popularising which wine in the US?
- 6 Aaron Sorkin wrote 87 screenplays for which US TV political drama (1999-2006)?



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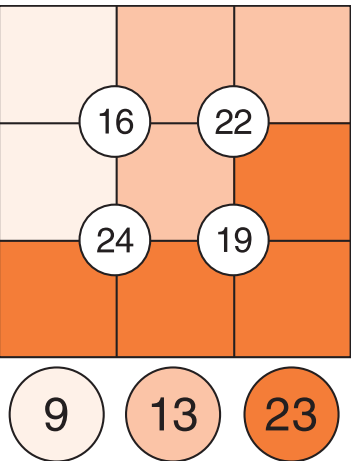
- 7 In 1967, who had UK hit singles with *Hey Joe*, *Purple Haze* and *The Wind Cries Mary*?
- 8 Who devised and originally presented the Radio 4 show *Desert Island Discs*?
- 9 Which pivotal battle in the Seven Years' War is also called the Battle of Quebec?
- 10 *No Man of Her Own* (1932) was the only film to team which couple of Hollywood's golden age?

ALAMY

- 11 Hans Werner Henze's opera *Elegy for Young Lovers* has a libretto by Chester Kallman and which poet?
- 12 Inspired by seeing *Guided by Voices*, which English actor formed the band *Riding the Low* in 2006?
- 13 Which author of *The Life of Arseniev* was the first Russian to win the Nobel prize in literature?
- 14 Which British javelin thrower won her third Commonwealth Games gold in 1990?
- 15 Which judge on *The Great British Bake Off* is pictured?

Answers on page 15

Suko No 3598



Place the numbers 1 to 9 in the spaces so that the number in each circle is equal to the sum of the four surrounding spaces, and each colour total is correct

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- Across**
- 1 Insect's dance? And what might end it? (8)
- 5 Where's Tobermory? A bit in from Ullapool (4)
- 8 Third month at home before good travelling with army (8)
- 9 Short car journey goes quickly on the return (4)
- 11 Native blue dye — American, without English name (10)
- 14 Purchased in branch, taking little time (6)
- 15 Buy back embarrassed leaders in European export market (6)
- 17 Artfully do a girl a turn in a three-sided relationship (10)
- 20 Large-scale electronic image? (4)
- 21 Go to court, having set fire to one barrier (8)
- 22 Swarm starting to encircle every man (4)
- 23 Ship carrying queen's flag (8)
- Down**
- 1 Pretend to play two different but identical notes (4)

- 2 End of school period (4)
- 3 Where one might conceal a cough a little late (10)
- 4 Flatulent ileitis is partly produced by this vegan food (6)
- 6 A French patissier emptied oven to see how dough is before rising (8)
- 7 Left one's home in the East End abandoned (8)
- 10 Having the means of production, I've reagent to get made up (10)
- 12 Nevertheless, chaps in a tango will give support (8)
- 13 Very demanding wordplay I have put round it (8)
- 16 Queen isn't commonly old-fashioned (6)
- 18 Impair appeal when going topless (4)
- 19 Expensive source of venison reported (4)

Friday's solution on page 15

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